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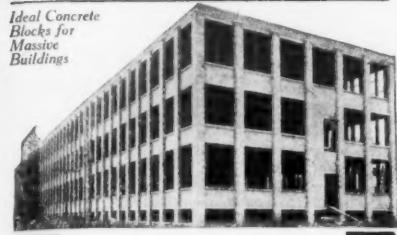
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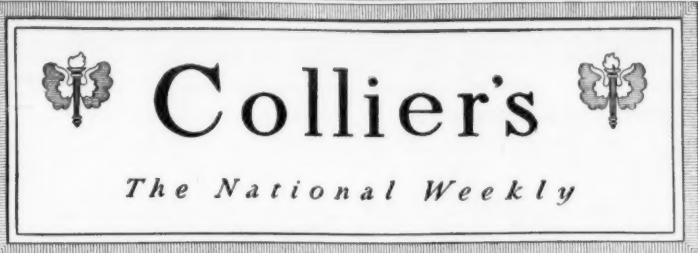
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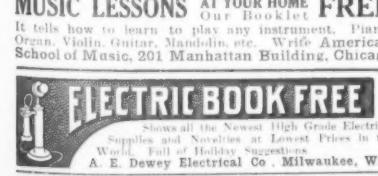
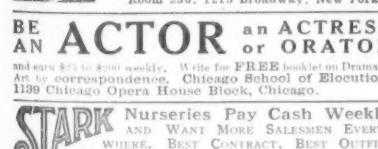
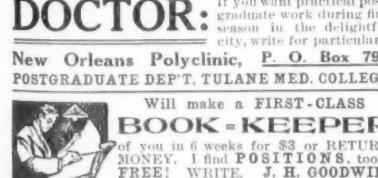
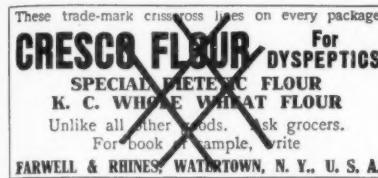
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New York, Saturday, December 7, 1907



### The Christmas Number

**C**hristmas Number. In King Cole's later days he held a tournament seven days before the New Year, and into the lists rode Sir Sorrone challenging all the knights to combat. There was fierce jousting, many knights were overthrown, and the others got cold feet. Then King Cole himself, borrowing the wooden sword and burnt-leather hood of the dyspeptic court jester, went out to fight Sir Sorrone.

"Aha! Sir Killjoy," cryd the Kynge,  
"Thys daye your ruine spelle—  
Although your armes are cap-a-pie,  
My armes are cap-and-bells."

**S**ir Sorrone was routed, and then, Wallace Irvin assures us in this veracious rimed chronicle which he has written for the Christmas Number next week, the old king called upon his orchestra to play "Hi-diddle-dee,"

"And alle thatte nyght hys prankyshe Courte  
Daunced round the Xmasse Tree."

**I**n our minds the legend assumes a monitory, symbolic character. There ought to be one issue of Collier's in the year when any "Sir Sorrone" that shows his face may be routed with a lath and a joke. Pictorially, the Christmas Collier's has enlisted exceptional talent to continue the old king's fight. John A. Williams has furnished an excellent setting for the King Cole legend. Edward Penfield has made a double-page picture in color that expresses attractively an extremely modern child's ideal of the holiday. In "Exceeding the Speed Limit" Mr. Penfield tells a human little story of the nursery. J. C. Leyendecker has painted a cover for the number that in color and spirit is a mighty help in dowering "Sir Sorrone," and Jessie Willcox Smith's good picture in color illustrates J. W. Foley's cheerful "Procession of the Blest," in which appear

"...Orphan Annie, and Little Boy Blue,  
And Wynken and Blynken and Nod,  
With Alice from Wonderland, blue-eyed and fair,  
Tom Tucker—Jack Horner with him—"

**A**rthur G. Dove's page in color enriches the number, and as illustrators of the stories of the tale-tellers, Rudyard Kipling, Gouverneur Morris, and Sarah Comstock, whose stories appear in the number, Collier's has secured George Wright, C. B. Falls, and Denman Fink.

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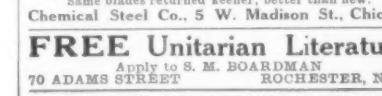
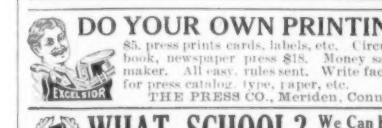
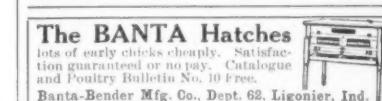
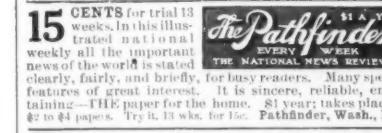
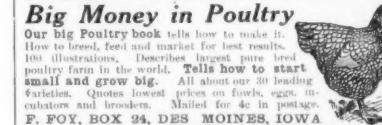
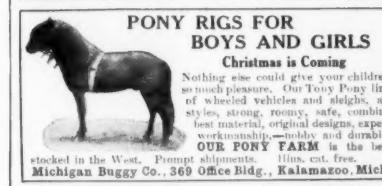
**C**hristmas Number. Some observations on the reviving spirit of San Francisco, with which we entirely agree, have come to us:

"For six years San Francisco has been under the domination of the labor vote, yet the vote of November 5 shows that in the precincts where the labor vote was strongest the biggest vote for Taylor and good government was cast. For some time past I have had the notion that a majority of any city wanted bad government. Yesterday's election proves that I was wrong. Dr. Taylor represented the extreme element of good, conservative government, and he has been elected by an overwhelming majority. San Francisco has had more criticism than any city in the country, and yet she has managed to do two things, which I doubt if any other city in the country could do: First, she has erected more buildings and spent more money since April 18, 1906, than any other city has done in the same time in the history of the country; second, she has convicted wrong-doers and sent them to jail as no other city has done."

**T**here was added a plea to make public this cheerful, hopeful side of the city's struggle to rehabilitate herself. The opinion was expressed that too much has been written in the spirit of a cross-examiner. We agreed with this man and secured the two articles from Jesse Lynch Williams which will be published in two early numbers.



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A VOICE FROM THE FLEET

By WALLACE IRWIN

WELL, it's good-by, Angevny, we are off upon the briny;  
And it's very glad to go I am;  
For it's rare and fancy gravy to be workin' for the navy  
On this Cook's excursion tour of Uncle Sam.

Oh, there isn't any knowin' where the devil we are goin'.

(As the Admiral remarks to me—

"Well, we won't be solemn now—it's a fight or it's a frolic,  
And we ain't a-carin' which," says he.)

Will we touch at Madagascar or comin' to Alaska?  
Will we stop in Frisco bay? asks you.  
That's the question—what's the answer? Guess the riddle if you can, sir,  
And I'll pass the information to the crew.  
Modern warfare ain't no stranger to the Element of Danger.

(As the Admiral remarks to me—

"Maybe we'll be shootin' lilacs with our guns all draped with smilax,  
Then again, perhaps we won't," says he.)

They're a-gittin' awful solemn in each editorial column,  
And they're floatin' forty fleets in ink—  
Will Japan raise up a holler and git red around the collar?  
When she sees us splashin' water in her sink?  
Won't the entire British nation die of nervous strangulation?

(As the Admiral remarks to me—

"Jones," says he, "the honest fact is, Truth depends on target-practice—  
Talk is cheap, but powder's dear," says he.)

But suppose while we're a-floatin' round the ocean pleasure-boatin'  
We should bump into a war somehow  
With a navy sent by Russia, Ireland, Switzerland, or Prussia  
Which was absolute insistin' on a row—  
Should we cautiously avoid 'em and be sorry we annoyed 'em?  
(As the Admiral remarks to me—

"Guess I'd send a line by airless jest to tell 'em to be careless—  
And remind 'em we was there," says he.)

Well, we're off in foam and laughter, though we don't know what we're after  
And we don't know who's a-pullin' of the strings;  
We are Doves of Peace all right, sir, with a coat of peaceful white, sir.  
And some twelve-inch trouble-seekers 'neath our wings.  
Foolish folks has foolish notions big as continents and oceans.

(As the Admiral remarks to me—

"Let the durned old mermaids rollick—it's a fight or it's a frolic,  
And we ain't a-carin' which," says he.)



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### An Important Fact

**W**ILLIAM L. DOUGLAS of Brockton, Massachusetts, is a forceful American and a good citizen. To the distinction of passing from a shoemaker's bench at seven to his present wealth, and the foremost place in his occupation, he adds an intelligent devotion to public affairs. He has served his community as lawmaker, as Mayor, and as Governor; he worked out as a pioneer the problem of equitable relations with organized labor, and on certain phases of tariff reform he is an ardent propagandist. Mr. DOUGLAS has spent in his time many millions to make his face and the brand of shoes he manufactures familiar to America. Some of this publicity we would willingly borrow to make as conspicuous as possible the fact that there is now in the United States one savings bank where a wage-earner can insure his life, under the protection of the State, at a minor fraction of the cost that has been exacted from him by the Prudential, the Metropolitan, and the other small-payment companies. As Massachusetts was the first State to give to savings banks the privilege of doing a life insurance business for the benefit of wage-earners, so is the People's Savings Bank of Brockton, whose president is Mr. DOUGLAS, the first to make that privilege a reality.

### Changing Currents

**A**RAPID EBB from Secretary TAFT contrasts with a corresponding gain for Mr. HUGHES. Once the thoughts of Judge TAFT were centred on the welfare of a dependent people. The wishes of the President, of one brother, and of another person near to him, made a candidate of the Judge against his will; and lamentable has been the end. Two years ago WILLIAM H. TAFT struck out boldly for independence in his State. With the courage of freedom he threw down the gauntlet to Boss Cox. This year, his agent in Ohio, his brother CHARLES, secured the support of Cox for the Secretary's candidacy, and in return came out energetically with his newspaper for the Cox machine, and waged a scurrilous campaign against the independent ticket. The Honorable NICHOLAS LONGWORTH represented the Administration in this deal, and for that also the Secretary must stand responsible. A year and a half ago Judge TAFT declared in writing that "the conduct of municipal affairs has no natural relation to the conduct of national affairs." A few months passed—unhappy months for the standards of our friend—and the man of worthy past appealed to Republicans everywhere to look at the Cleveland municipal campaign from the standpoint of entrenching national party power. The citizens of Cleveland answered him, and the rapid weakening of the Taft candidacy suggests that it has but a little while to live.

### A Man Equipped

**T**HE MOST CREATIVE piece of legislation of recent years—the most significant treatment of our business troubles—was the creation of the Public Utilities Commission, conceived and executed by the Governor of New York. Not only has that commission caused some improvements already in traffic conditions; it has cleared up the financial methods of the traction system, and it has forced a publicity which enables the people for the first time to know that, through singular (and one would think unprofitable) indifference, the traction company kills one person per day, merely from lack of safety devices in use elsewhere. Such a commission is the most promising device yet discovered for the solution of public-service complications—traction, telephone, water, gas, or whatever they may be. What Mr. HUGHES undertakes he handles thoroughly. He has put more work on his study of the Ahearn evidence than most men put on a dozen topics before they act. His bearing in face of the panic has met with approval everywhere. The bravery and clear principle which made him decline the use of Federal patronage, as being no part of his official duty, made him powerful enemies, but was the act of a man faithful to his creed. His veto of the two-cent rate bill, as not based on investigation, showed him as much his own master

before the people as he is before the President or the financiers. His wish for the Massachusetts ballot and for direct nominations measures the distance between him and those who would play politics with State and city interests. He has met, without equivocation, every question pertaining to his office; and he has refused to depart from principle under any pretext whatsoever.

### Yielding to Temptation

**M**R. JUSTICE BREWER is not half-witted; he has had a habit for some time of delivering popular addresses; and he must therefore have been very well aware of the result when, in the midst of his excellent speech on public duties, he went out of his way to mention the President with severity. Whatever provocation the bench has had, retaliation hardly seems consistent with the position which Justice BREWER holds. The Supreme Court of the United States can gain nothing through political sharpshooting by its members.

### Religion

**T**HE "LIVING CHURCH" is the name of a "religious" newspaper. As it felt aggrieved at something said by SAMUEL HOPKINS ADAMS about its patent-medicine revenues, we, perhaps in excess of conscience, not only furnished it with the reply of Mr. ADAMS, but allowed it to express its own indignation in a somewhat flamboyant advertisement. Now it endeavors to instil into its readers the conception that our willingness to let the "Living Church" insert its scolding pronunciamento was due to our lust for \$105. Anybody who will compare this sum with the \$80,000 a year of medical advertising thrown out by us, to the great distress of our "religious" contemporary, can form his own opinion of the veracity and other Christian attributes of the "Living Church."

### Congress and Currency

**W**E NEED CURRENCY LEGISLATION for permanent improvement, but not for immediate effect. As Mr. MORAWETZ says: "The case may be compared with that of a man who has delirium tremens from drinking too much whisky. It may be desirable to give the patient an immediate dose of additional whisky in order to prevent complete collapse, but it would be poor policy to furnish the patient the means of obtaining additional whisky as a regular diet for the future." The things we are seeing now are retribution for our speculations. Credits have been dangerously expanded, and the essence of a sound plan is prevention of unsafe expansion. All the discussion that has taken place since, in our issue of November 2, Mr. GEORGE RUBLEE recommended Mr. MORAWETZ's ideas, has tended to justify his stand. This is the time for Congress to act, and to act for safety.

### The Basis of Wealth

**A**GIFT TO YALE of \$50,000 from Mr. WEYERHAEUSER, of the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association, aptly goes to the Yale Forestry School, although its value depends on what the Chair of Applied Forestry and Practical Lumbering is to teach. Attention to the whole forestry question needs to be stimulated more immediately than any other interest whatsoever. Some of the shallower papers beyond the Mississippi construct grievances from an idea that Western trees are the only ones concerned. In fact, the Appalachian Mountain range, from Maine to Alabama, must be protected, if a hardwood famine in the very near future is to be warded off. It is an inadequate species of patriotism that makes a local issue of a universal need.

### Pie

**T**HE GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS and the Senate of that Commonwealth are now engaged in the diversion of deciding whether the Economy Light and Power Company and the fat-loving legislators shall divide the public's goods. Governor DENEEN called a special session to prevent the consummation of a "manifest attempt to secure vested rights inimical to the public interests" and hostile to the public program regarding water way and

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power development. His hope is to preserve the rights of the State of Illinois to the water-power which will be created by the deep waterway from Lockport to Utica. Opposed to him are the well-named Barnacles; the same aggregation who mangled the primary bill; the same who defeated a bill to safeguard the State Treasurer's funds. As to the water-power, the method was to defeat an emergency clause in the bill giving to the State authorities the right to remove obstructions to navigation in the Des Plaines and Illinois Rivers. The well-trained Senators, sticking to their job, by killing the emergency clause, will enable their powerful friends in commerce to rush their work day and night for many months, unless public opinion becomes active in the Governor's support. The Economy Light and Power Company has much money, and a number of Illinois Senators have a taste for whatever affluence they can obtain themselves.

## A Suggestion

AS NO MAN OF INTELLIGENCE and disinterestedness wishes either HOPKINS or MASON to represent Illinois in the Senate of the United States, why do not public-spirited men put forward another candidate—somebody of the quality, for example, of that excellent former Congressman, ROBERT HITT?

## Argument in Colorado

A CERTAIN KIND OF HISTORY is being made rapidly out in Colorado. On November 3 JOSEPH A. WALKER, a United States secret service agent engaged in collecting evidence against a rich coal company accused of land frauds, was killed. He was shot down at the top of an air-shaft of the Hesperus Coal Mine, near Durango. JOSEPH VANDERWEIDE, who was in the employ of the Union Pacific Coal Company, owners of the Hesperus, fired the shot. WALKER had been working for ten months on the coal-land fraud cases, and it was principally on evidence secured by him that indictments had been returned against the Union Pacific Coal Company and the Porter Fuel Company, concerns in which a score of prominent men in Colorado were interested. Documentary evidence known to be in WALKER's possession has disappeared. VANDERWEIDE said that he shot in self-defense, but the facts show that in all of WALKER's twenty years of experience as a detective he had never shot at a man. Six days later, at Trinidad, a man named JARMILO, an attorney for the United Mine Workers, was assaulted by Deputy Sheriff WILLIAM THATCHER. Next day, November 10, at Aguilar, HARRY DOUTHWAITE, an organizer for the mine workers, was struck down from behind by a Mexican, who, later, was taken away by another Mexican, falsely representing himself as a United States Deputy Marshal. Previously DOUTHWAITE, an inoffensive man, had been warned to leave Trinidad. On November 12 JOHN HENDRICKS, counsel for the United Mine Workers, was assaulted and arrested by Deputy Sheriff BOYD and another deputy as he was about to board a car in Trinidad. The ostensible reason was that HENDRICKS was carrying a revolver, but he was able to produce a permit signed by the Mayor. The day of violence has evidently not passed in Colorado; the State will never do justice to itself until the thug is abandoned as a tool.

## Both Kinds of Anarchy

A FREQUENT ANSWER to our comments on the Sheriff Brown death and on CLARENCE DARROW's invitation to murder has been a rehearsal of the Mine Owners' vicious proceedings in Colorado. Although we have sufficiently condemned these wrongs ourselves, at the time and since, we are glad to print so earnest a rehearsal of them as a correspondent gives:

WASHINGTON, D. C.

### To the Editor:

"Conservative men all over the country will thank COLLIER'S for its fearless articles on the situation in Idaho, where a terrible battle is on between law and anarchy. . . .

"A few years ago the Federation, powerful though it was, fought all of its battles for the rights of labor at the polls, voting as a body for those men who had pledged themselves to give a 'square deal' to the miners. The time came, however, when the Smelters Trust (one of the owners of which is now in the United States Senate), through the judicious spending of money, had the eight-hour law, which the union had purchased with honest votes, declared unconstitutional. Thus beaten by bribery, the Federation decided to obtain by strikes what they failed to obtain by the orderly means of the ballot. Strikes were called in the mines, and then occurred the blackest page in United States history, when the Governor of the State sent troops into the field, arrested innocent miners by wholesale, and placed them in bull-pens, where they were subjected to the most horrible cruelties that depraved imaginations could devise. Negro troops were given permission to act in such a high-handed manner that the Administration at Washington had to step in."

As to the Idaho kidnaping, our views are known. Our correspondent says:

"The method by which MOYER and HAYWOOD were stolen from the State of Colorado, the 'perjured affidavit,' the secret night hearing when the men were denied counsel, the hasty arrest, the armed train to bear the men from their homes to a hostile community, bore the treacherous aspect that the law has never assumed when it commanded respect. . . .

"As I remarked above, we can condemn and do condemn the use of the bomb and assassin's knife, and we can send one or two men like HAYWOOD to the gallows, but the forces that make for Socialism and Anarchy must be removed before law and order will reign again in the State of Idaho. And when justice resumes her administration in the State, fanatical speeches and utterances like those of Mr. DARROW will find no sympathetic response from any good citizen. Meanwhile, let COLLIER'S continue its editorials on the subject, for, in spite of your correspondent's statement that the Federation 'doesn't care a rap for criticism,' it is generally known that DARROW took the condemnation resulting from his address so much to heart that his life was, for a time, despaired of.

FRANCIS DE SALES RYAN."

We have no desire to minimize any faults committed against the miners in the past. What we do say is that Idaho gave HAYWOOD a notably fair trial; that the defense resorted to threats and relied on terror; that Mr. DARROW and his principal organ have lied most shamelessly; that Sheriff BROWN is dead; and that Idaho lives in a state of sleepless alarm. Whatever may be thought of the method of bringing the defendants to Idaho, the leading officials of that State have shown a willingness to conduct the trials in a spirit of entire justice. Leaders of the miners, on the other hand, and prominent Socialist newspaper organs, have preceded and followed HAYWOOD's acquittal with persistently vaunting their ability to strike terror into all who do not bow to them.

## Choice

A GENTLEMAN from Spokane, Washington, Mr. HARRY OLNEY, writes us thus: "Since reading your successive editorials on the Western Federation of Miners I have been debating whether I ought to give you a 'lickin'' or whether the same would only hurt your feelings without bringing any beneficial results. Duty now demands that I take you into the woodshed, but I assure you the operation therein will be more painful to me than to you." For our part, we shall gladly spare our soft-hearted commentator his needless and vicarious pain. His chastisement would not illuminate our darkened mind, and might obscure his own.

## A Bit of History

WITHIN A HUNDRED MILES of the Atlantic Ocean lives EVERETT COLBY, who has given his name and dedicated his energies to a new idea in politics, of which the main article, roughly, is the uprooting and prevention of perpetual franchises for public-service corporations. A continent away, on the shores of Puget Sound, is the city of Everett—spelled with two t's. Between man and town is the relation of namesake, and a sort of enforced and vicarious sponsorship. For the New Jersey reformer's father lived in a different era, and, perhaps, was cast in another mold. He was a railroad and townsite promoter, with a quick eye for the money value of a perpetual franchise, by virtue of which he made much of that considerable fortune which his son is now employing to further the "new idea." Old Mr. COLBY founded Everett about thirty years ago, at a time in his boy's life when pride and interest in a son and heir is most apt to find abounding expression. Paternal joy did not, however, distract the concentration of his mind upon the matter of water, light, and street-railway franchises. The Constitution and Jaws of Washington are framed with the thought of making perpetual franchises impossible. But Mr. COLBY and his associates, while they still owned the land of the townsite, platted the streets, and deeded to public-service corporations, which they organized among themselves, the exclusive and perpetual right to use these streets for water mains, car tracks, and the like. Then they dedicated the streets to public use, subject to the prior grants. Just lately Everett has passed through a campaign to shake off, by means of a new charter, the grip of Mr. COLBY's dead hand, and to provide, by the initiative and referendum, for a more direct participation of the citizens in the affairs of the city. A number of fortunes amassed by methods now deemed against the public welfare are, in the hands of the second generation, being used to hasten the advent of a better day.

## Ibsen

IN A NEWSPAPER EDITORIAL on political conditions we notice the following sentence: "BRYAN is no longer the younger generation, knocking at the door, but is himself the jaded and disappointing leader. . . ." There is significance in the offhand use of a comparison from IBSEN, given without the slightest quotation or explanation. The allusion is of course to Solness, the "Master Builder," and his omnipresent dread of the younger generation. The days of chatter about IBSEN's putrescence, of silly jokes about "Ibscenity," have passed. It is a striking change: the matter-of-fact recognition and acceptance of IBSEN as an author who is known. A newspaper editor is not prone to obscure allusions; his wish is to drive home his point with as strong and universal an impact as may be. He uses only what will be understood. To find, therefore, a comparison to "The Master Builder," tossed off as one tosses off a remark about "Othello" or "Macbeth," shows how rapidly the pendulum has begun to swing.

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## A Plea from Jerusalem

A BEGGAR in the human, sympathetic East may bestow honor upon you by accepting your dole. KIPLING has shown us old Gobind, the one-eyed mendicant of the Chubára of Dhunni Bhagat, holding out a brass bowl for alms and graciously advising with the writer of tales as to that with which a popular story-book should be concerned. Usually, however, the giver must at least meet face to face the princes of the dusty road. Now, however, to us has come a printed appeal from one "JOSCHUA ZEILINGOLD, in Jerusalem (Palestine)." "It is a long time," he tells us, in Hebrew and also in what might be called English, "since I sent to you a piece of olive wood work made at my old age with the sweat of my brow being in hope that you will compensate me for my work but to my sorry you have forgotten." The bit of olive wood-work must have gone astray, which makes us more dubious about "JOSCHUA'S" closing promise: "And He who dwells in Zion and who have chosen Jerusalem for His seat shall pay you the twice in return!" Nevertheless, the subject is worth considering, and we will give it due attention when the olive wood arrives.

## What Is Slimmer?

WILL SOME WISE MAN'S SON kindly diagnose the case of ABRAHAM SLIMMER? Mr. SLIMMER is an Iowan of Jewish extraction who is credited with having been a millionaire. That he no longer belongs to that favored class is due entirely to his own exertion in giving away his money. Numerous institutions have profited by his charities in sums varying from \$5,000 to \$50,000, and he announces his intention of distributing his entire fortune. Part of his disbursements are made in person as he travels about the country in shabby clothing, relieving cases of distress. Mr. SLIMMER considers that instead of growing poor he is becoming rich in gains that are worth more than money. Now, by all tacitly accepted standards, this man SLIMMER is a crank.

## Good-By

THE SALVATION ARMY may or may not be merely a manifestation of "corybantic Christianity," but hardly any one will deny its great accomplishment. Familiarity with its name has made most of us oblivious to the fact that in this title, "Salvation Army," there is an imagery and nobility not present in the appellation of any religious movement since the days of the Crusaders—folk of the cross. Moreover, the Salvation Army has a resemblance to the Crusaders, with some of their weakness and much of their strength. And as PETER THE HERMIT set ablaze the hearts of that First Crusade, so General WILLIAM BOOTH founded and has fostered the Salvation Army through its forty-two years. His recent farewell was filled with his unflagging vitality. Feeble as was his voice, it had that ring of buoyancy which may belong to successful age. Said he to the soldiers he had trained and led: "We have had a mighty time, my comrades and friends."

## The Under Dog

THE NEGLECTED STOKER'S part in broken oceanic records was lately sung in these columns to the dull twanging of our own inanimate lyre. To which, thanks to a Seattle correspondent, are appended these more fitting lines—extracts from verses written by the late Mr. GUY CATLIN during the Spanish War:

"There's a chase in sight, my maties,  
An' 'Steam! more steam!' 's the cry;  
So bend your backs to the grating racks,  
An' work till it's time to die;  
Fer the ship must do her duty  
In pride o' the flag she wears—  
Tho' we live in a hole, an' we die in a hole,  
An' who the devil cares?"

"Come, strike up a song, my maties,  
An' mock at the death-white heat;  
Fer the fight's begun, an', lost or won,  
The heart o' the ship must beat!  
Fer them at the guns there's glory  
That never a stoker shares—  
Fer we live in a hole, an' we die in a hole,  
An' who the devil cares?"

And this kind of sympathy is increasing with rapidity in the world.

## Child Actors

WE ARE ALL BRAVE when the band plays. After the soldiers have marched by, there is a general craning of necks for redoubts to storm and disengaged forlorn hopes. This impulse to "act out" the heroic is common to all—especially to young people whose imaginations are growing rapidly and whose energies are not yet absorbed. The same impulse that leads a man to wave a flag about his head and run smilingly into a rain of bullets is struggling for some form of expression beneath the exteriors of newsboys, shop-girls, and street-car drivers. It is one of the aims of the Children's Theatre of the Educational Alliance on New York's East Side to take this impulse when it is most active and permit it to

be expressed in sane and beneficial ways. It is perfectly natural that young girls should be "stage-struck" at a certain age. Instead of driving them to hang around managers' offices, to obtain, possibly, some minor employment on the professional stage, and, after wasting the years of their prettiness in work in which they have no commercial value, to be returned presently to the ranks, economically no more effective than before, this theatre gives them the outlet their emotions demand and at the same time increases their all-round effectiveness. Acting is, for many such, a more effective way of changing one's environment than reading, because it realizes itself outwardly. These young people, who can not travel, whose horizons are narrow, can, through their work on the stage, throw themselves spiritually into endless other environments and personalities. They could do this, to a certain extent, through books, but they could not make the experience anywhere near so real. "Those who come to us merely to play parts," writes Miss HERTS, the theatre manager, "remain to be brought into intimate acquaintance with a variety of characters represented in dramatic fiction, and thereby widen their circle of human contact. Under wise direction they study in ideal, characters, motives, possibilities, purposes, active in human nature. In studying the play—the force of an ideal carried to a practical solution—we make use of the opportunity to discuss impersonally the ways of men, their motives and impulses, whether of individuals or classes, not only the aspect which the individual shows to the world, but also the aspect which the course of events in the world shows to the individual. Herein lies our great opportunity of using the drama as a means of moral instruction for the forming mind. A theatre run on these lines has proved to be a school in efficient citizenship." And, unlike many well-meant schemes, this receives the practical and spontaneous support of those for whom it was intended. At a recent performance of "The Prince and the Pauper," at which Mark Twain acted as host, there were three complete casts—those who actually played, their understudies, and an emergency cast, waiting anxiously for something to happen to the other two. At the regular performances hundreds of children are sometimes unable to get seats—merely because the hall was crowded by those who felt that here and not in the neighboring music halls they could see the "best show."

## A Perfect Thing

ONCE IN A WHILE some figure before the public acts with an esthetic truth to his character that not MOLIÈRE could improve. The following is the essential portion of a letter:

"2256 Collingwood Avenue, TOLEDO, OHIO

"MY DEAR MADAM—I am projecting a series of sermons on 'The Religion of a Gentleman,' in which I design to exhibit our Lord as the ideal gentleman of humanity. A condition precedent to the accomplishment of this undertaking is a clear understanding of what is a 'gentleman.' I have written to a large number of persons—I enclose a partial list of them—asking them to give me their definition of the word and at the same time to refer me to any literature with which they may be acquainted in which the word is defined. Will you, therefore, kindly give me your idea of what a gentleman is or should be, together with any definition you may have been struck with in your reading?

"I am aware that I am asking a great favor of a busy woman, and to save you as much trouble as possible I have ventured to enclose a stamped envelope in the hope that you may find time to make a reply. Of course, your name will not appear in any use that I may make of your communication without your express permission.

"Trusting that I may have the honor and pleasure of hearing from you on this important subject, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

"CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY,

"Rector of Trinity Church."

Part of Mr. BRADY'S list is this:

Hon. Theodore Roosevelt,  
Hon. Elihu Root,  
Admiral Geo. Dewey,  
Admiral Robley D. Evans,  
General Oliver O. Howard,  
General Frederick D. Grant,  
Prof. Chas. Wm. Eliot,  
Prof. Arthur T. Hadley,  
Prof. Woodrow Wilson,  
Prof. Nicholas Murray Butler,  
Rt. Rev. H. C. Potter,  
Rt. Rev. W. C. Doane,  
Mr. Richard Watson Gilder,  
Mr. Edward Bok,  
Mr. Richard Harding Davis,  
Mr. Robert Bridges,  
Mr. Thomas Nelson Page,  
Mr. Winston Churchill,  
Mr. Hamilton Wright Mabie,  
Capt. A. T. Mahan,  
Miss Agnes Repplier,  
Mrs. Margaret Deland,  
Miss Ida M. Tarbell,  
Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox,  
Miss Dorothy Dix,  
Mrs. Edith Wharton.

The list has interest, variety, and charm. Perhaps others as coherent might be difficult to draw. By way of experiment we offer one: *videlicet* this:

Mary MacLean,  
Oliver Herford,  
J. Ham. Lewis,  
Arthur Brisbane,  
Nikola Greeley-Smith,  
William Jennings Bryan,  
Carrie Nation,  
Chancellor Day,  
Madame Nazimova,  
Hon. C. W. Fairbanks,  
James Whitcomb Riley,  
Charles Frohman,  
Harry Thaw,  
Oscar Hammerstein.

On the topic chosen by Mr. BRADY, and his method of gathering information, admiration for once destroys, or at least impairs, our power of speech.

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*Captain Hugo W. Osterhaus,  
Commanding the Flagship "Connecticut"*

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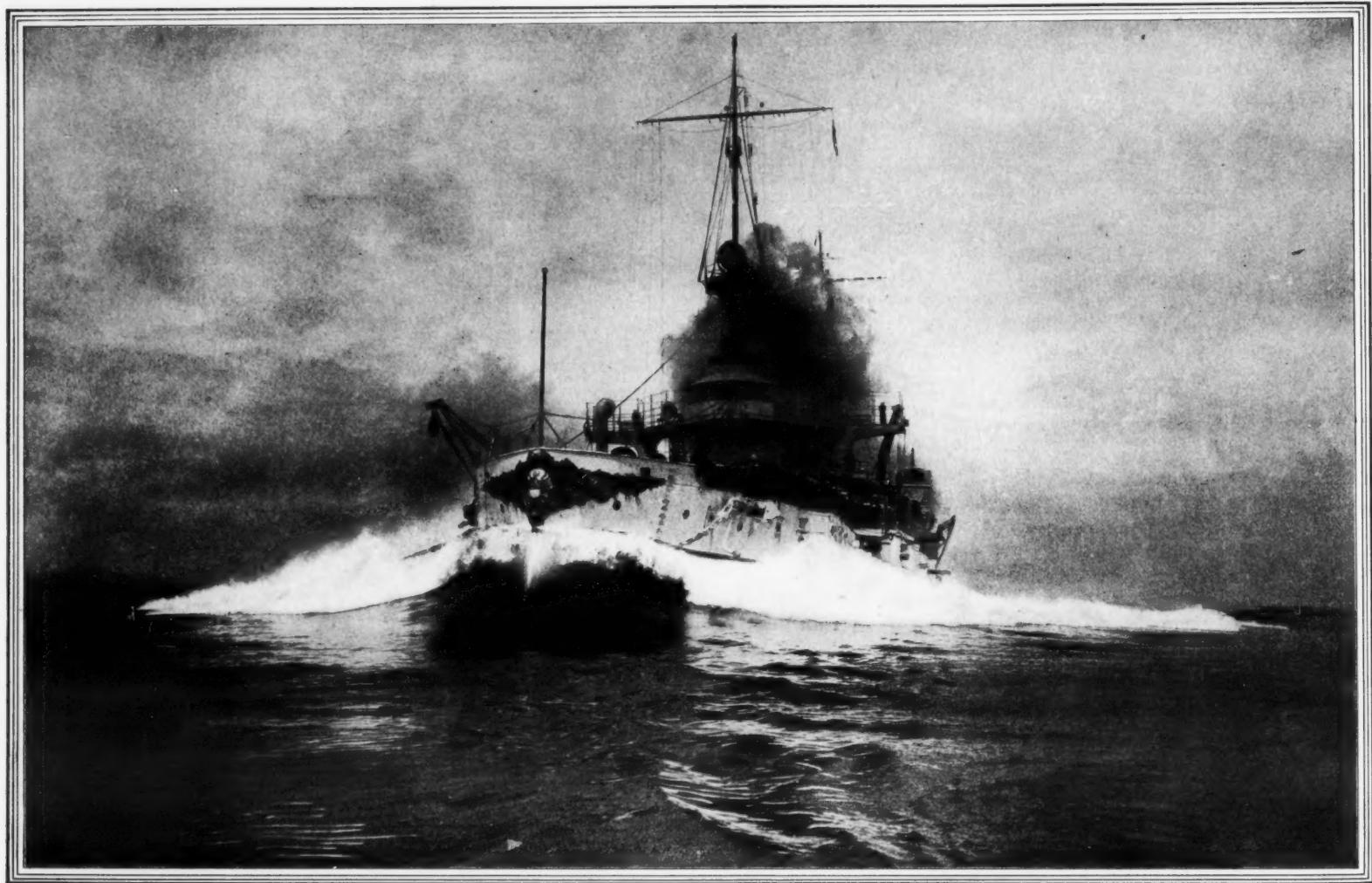
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Navigating Officer of the Flagship*

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Chief Engineer of the Fleet*

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*The "Connecticut" at full speed. Rear-Admiral Evans, Commander of the Fleet in the cruise to the Pacific, will use the "Connecticut" as his flagship. Of 17,600 tons displacement, built at the Government navy-yard in Brooklyn and launched in 1904, this ship represents the latest development, in completed vessels, in our navy*

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Flag Lieutenant*



*Surgeon Lloyd W. Curtis,  
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Henry A. Dent,  
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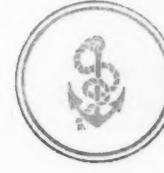


**The Flagship and the Admiral's Staff**

# The Sailing of the Great Fleet

*Sixteen Battleships, Prepared for "Any Eventuality," Start on their 14,000 Mile Voyage*

By FREDERICK PALMER



"MISSION of peace and a course of drill," as Admiral Dewey has written, but "prepared for any duty and any eventuality," and better prepared than ever before—that is the situation in a word!

When the sixteen battleships, forming a column more than three miles long, every one having from a hundred to a hundred and fifty more than its usual complement of men, with every magazine full, leave Hampton Roads for their 14,000-mile journey on December 16, they will be ready for battle in all except war paint. This is a matter of the few hours that it takes the brushes to turn the conspicuous white of peace into the color of the sea.

When you have watched day by day the construction of some bridge or tunnel you may realize the labor and the thought which this departure represents. The preparation for the long voyage really began before the voyage was ever thought of. Our navy has increased rapidly. Within the last two years we have had to train the crews to man seven new battleships, and our officers have had to learn to drive them as part of a sixteen-horse team. Under Evans the fleet has become a working unit.

For nine months of the year it has been kept at battle practise. For the other three the ships were at the different yards. There, all at one time, they received the attention which factory yards receive out of working hours.

They were due regularly for the drydocks after the summer manoeuvres last September. The cleaning of bottoms and the overhauling which was to have preceded the winter manoeuvres at Guantanamo precede the Pacific journey. And the winter manoeuvres will be held just the same, only they will be held 12,000 miles nearer Manila than usual.

This new problem is one of moving. The navy departs from a coast fully equipped with yards to one ill-equipped.

"Be prepared to go as far as San Francisco and return," was the message from higher places, "without having to enter a dock for repairs."

You may read this as meaning the Philippines if you please. The navy, which does not ask questions, read it as meaning three months of hard work, with every captain of every ship saying "Ready" on December 16.

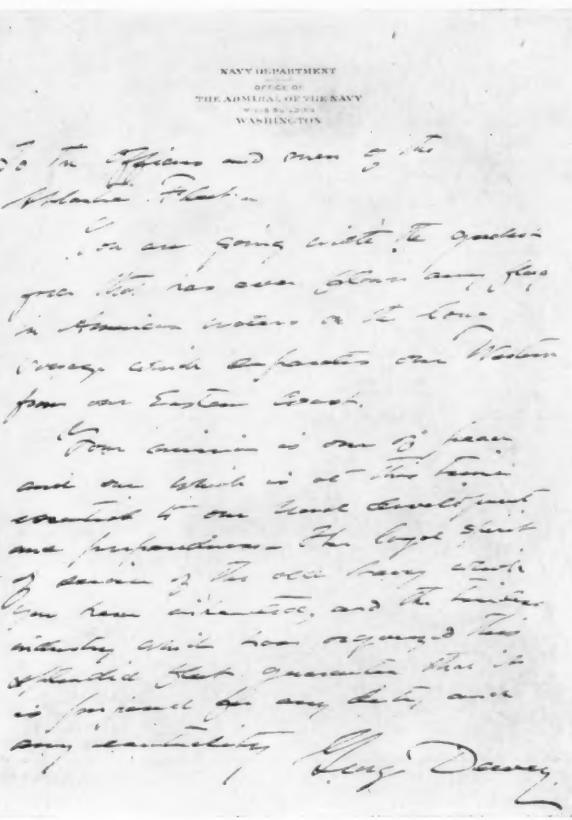
Excuses are not in the lexicon. Results only are considered. The provisions and the coal were a part requiring forethought and clerical detail. Supply ships had to follow. Colliers must be waiting at the ports with coal. In mechanics the Bureau of Equipment had to keep in mind the thought that the ships could not run back to the yards at Norfolk, at Brooklyn, or at Boston, where skilled workmen and improved plants were at their command.

#### Getting a Fire-Control System Installed

AND mechanics brings us to the domain of secrecy. There are some things about our ships—the product of American ingenuity—which are our business and no one else's. Most suggestively important in this category was the installation of a fire-control system. That does not mean putting out a conflagration aboard, but putting the enemy's fleet out of action. In modern naval war, in the words of a jacky: "You do the shooting and the fellow in the next street does the aiming." In approaching a hostile fleet the first vital thing is to find the enemy's range, and, more vital still, to keep it until his sea power is a junk-heap at the bottom of the sea.

If one man on any ship knew the range precisely, and could communicate it continually to all the others, that would be enough. An officer—called the "spotter"—finds the range. How best to protect him, how best to carry his word to every turret, are questions that have wrinkled the brows of every naval staff.

Bedded under the muscles of the battleship are her nerves. The wires carrying the word must be protected by armor, and in the event of the failure of the original method of transmission another must be ready, and very ready. Seconds count. Thirty seconds might change the destiny of the nation; for if we fire one-quarter as well in conflict as we do in target practise any enemy must be put out of action in fifteen minutes. Prize-fighting is comparatively deliberate. In a naval battle there is no time to breathe between rounds.



#### ADMIRAL DEWEY'S GODSPEED

*To the Officers and Men of the Atlantic Fleet—*

*You are going with the greatest force that has ever flown any flag in American waters on the long voyage which separates our Western from our Eastern Coast.*

*Your mission is one of peace and one which is at this time essential to our naval development and preparedness. The loyal spirit of service of the old Navy which you have inherited, and the tireless industry which has organized this splendid fleet guarantee that it is prepared for any duty and any eventuality.*

GEORGE DEWEY.

When the spotter is dead and no word comes to the turrets, then the turrets must be prepared to "go it on their own." We have formulated our fire-control system, and we completed its mechanical installation before this voyage. Mr. Rockefeller is not rich enough to buy a plan of it. Possibly it is no better than that of any other nation, and whether it is or not war alone can decide.

"Will you have the sixteen ready?" the bureaus in Washington have been asking for the last three months of officers on the ships and at the yards. "Will you have them ready?" the Secretary of the Navy asked the bureaus and the President asked the Secretary of the Navy.

The highly responsible bureau organizer is Admiral Brownson, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation. If one of the sixteen failed to toe the mark at Hampton Roads, with the White House on his shoulders he might well wonder why Atlas was of such a complaining disposition.

Brownson is a retired officer kept on active duty ashore because he has the gift of getting things ready. "No" and "yes" he knows, and he sees with the quick sailor's eye of sixty-three. When there is something to be done he says that he will see that it is, and takes the responsibility. He moves our ships from one place to another on the map of the world.

He says who shall be assigned to the fleet, and unhappily there is not room for all in the Four Hundred of this new naval program. If every one who wanted to go might go, we should man nothing but our battle fleet and torpedo flotilla. All gunboats and unarmored cruisers doing the drudgery of patrol would be without officers and jackies. It is a famous cruise, and the sights of South American ports and the snowy peaks of Terra del Fuego are in the offing; and perhaps there will be war, which is the end of all the training. This awakens Jacky. His doubts of the wisdom of a naval career vanish.

Foreigners who have said that American lack of patriotism was shown by the failure of our youth to enlist in the regular army and navy now appear foolish. When there is the promise of "something doing," Jacky

is only too ready to fight for the chance to get in a fight. A decrease in desertions promptly followed the President's order, and we are taking along as big a force as the forecastles will accommodate.

And that busy man Brownson on December 16 may take a rest. Then he can say: "It's up to you, Evans."

On the instant that the screws of his fleet beat the waters of the Roads, Evans becomes king. For many weeks his position has been something like that of a driver waiting for his team to be brought out in order to take to the road. Most of the time he has been in Washington in order to be near the Department if he were needed.

Robley D. Evans, who was born in Virginia of a slave-holding family, but fought on the Union side against his own brother; who was the first Annapolis appointment from Utah; who as a strippling saw Indian fighting on the way to Salt Lake City to qualify as a resident; who, with a revolver he had kept and hidden under his pillow, held back the hospital surgeon who was going to amputate both his legs, which had been wounded at Fort Fisher; who was in Chile on a famous occasion; who commanded the *Iowa* at Santiago—"Fighting Bob Evans!"

A jacky was once asked what the Admiral looked like. "You can't mistake him," was the answer. "He's got a face that's cleared for action all the time. All the furnishings are overboard; nothing but turrets and guns, with the sun a-shining pleasantly on the guns—that's his smile."

What the navy feels about "Bob" Evans is that he will "go in" according to the rules of his day, as Jones and Perry and Farragut and Dewey did according to the rules of their days—and that is saying enough. This is his last cruise; the close of the career of the last high officer who ever smelled powder in the Civil War. The head of the greatest fleet we ever assembled, he goes as only a Rear-Admiral to ports where Vice-Admirals and full Admirals whose commands the forward turret of his flagship could easily sink will welcome him.

In August next he is retired, unless he should be made a Vice-Admiral, for no retired officer may serve afloat. By our rule, all Vice-Admirals and all Admirals find the fountain of youth in the waters of victory. One such we have on the active list by the vote of Congress—George Dewey.

In striking energy at 6,000 yards' battle range the sixteen are thirty times as strong as the little squadron of protected cruisers that carried our destiny to Eastern seas; and if it were not for Dewey's victory, does any one think that Evans would be going? Into three epochs our modern naval history may be divided. We prepared for Spain; then we prepared to hold the Caribbean when the Germans became disputatious. The battleships which were laid down after the Venezuelan crisis are now a part of the fleet, and we are exchanging university professors instead of bullets with the Kaiser. The third epoch began with the rise of a new Power in the Pacific—whose ways are tigerish, quick, and hard to understand—and what its end will be is the puzzle of the nations.

#### Leaving the Atlantic Coast Unguarded

OUR Atlantic Coast is stripped of fighting material. In battleships the *Iowa* and the *Indiana*, besides the new ones building, alone are left. Our navy-yards will be like deserted villages, and all the little stores near the gates, where Jacky is a courted plutocrat, tell you that the President is guilty of a strategic mistake. They see the Gold n Gate and Puget Sound getting the good money of the 15,000 men that has been their mainstay in trade.

Will the fleet ever return? Can it afford to leave the Pacific until the Canal is finished? Should there be a sudden emergency in the Far East when the sixteen were back in the Atlantic with foul bottoms, then we should be worse off than if they had never been sent. Do we face the necessity of keeping two great fleets?

It is maintenance on the Pacific Coast, where facilities are needed, that will be expensive. All the extra cost of the voyage is represented by the 75,000 tons of coal in addition to what would have been used at Guantanamo. The ships must be kept in commission, anyway; and the crews must be fed and paid.

At San Francisco Admiral Evans will have under his command eighteen battleships, all first-class, and six armored cruisers. Two of the greyhounds, going to join their sisters of the "Big Four," under Admiral

Sebree, precede the sixteen through the straits. Admiral Sebree is something of a king himself, but not half so royal as Lieutenant Hutch I. Cone, who commands the fleet of hornets.

The men of the torpedo flotilla are not strong on natty appearance. Clad in machine-shop jumpers, they live in shells which dance on seas that a battleship scorns to recognize. Keeping close to the coast andecal supplies, dodging behind the shelter of any kindly islands, they stop at every important port, and the crews are so small that there will be more than enough fatted calf to go around. They are a small, exclusive party by themselves, and they would want big boot to trade places with the battleship crews.

The bulldog battleships of grand dignity despise the coast, make long runs, and take more time in harbor. From dawn to dark proceeds the routine of drill and keeping shipshape. Evans's part is much like that of the chairman of a trust with sixteen factories. His chief of staff, Captain Ingersoll, is his general manager, the master of all details, and responsible only to him; and he has, besides, a flag lieutenant and a flag secretary.

On the flagship with him are the fleet navigator, the fleet ordnance officer, the fleet marine officer, the fleet surgeon, each responsible for his department. From his cabin the Admiral can now telephone as well as telegraph by wireless. Finally, all centres on him. It is he who reports to the board of directors: to the United States of America. It is he who gets the blame for any damage to the whole or the honor for the safety of the whole—of property valued at more than a hundred million dollars, which could not be reproduced inside of three years—when the fleet is through

the Straits and safely into the Pacific. If one battleship should strike a rock, then one of the sixteen links of the chain would be broken. And such a big fleet has never gone through Magellan before. The passage is so long that it takes two days' steaming.

Midway on the mainland is Sandy Point. Here the stop will be five days. Beyond lie the difficult turns and the narrow channel of the English Reach and a neighborhood abounding in such kindly names as Desolation Island and Useless Bay. To the south are the alpine heights of the islands, and from their valleys descend snow and mist storms in sudden squalls that may blanket the navigator's eye.

*Out of the Magellan Trap*

THE fleet will start at midnight from Sandy Point, in order to have daylight for the bad places, and before darkness falls again it will have the freedom of the Pacific; and though every one speaks "confidently," as if Magellan were no trick at all, every one will breathe easier when it is passed, especially the fleet navigator who leads the way.

Always the flagship leads, unless in battle she chooses to take another place in the line to fool the enemy. On her the flagships of the squadrons and the divisions guide.

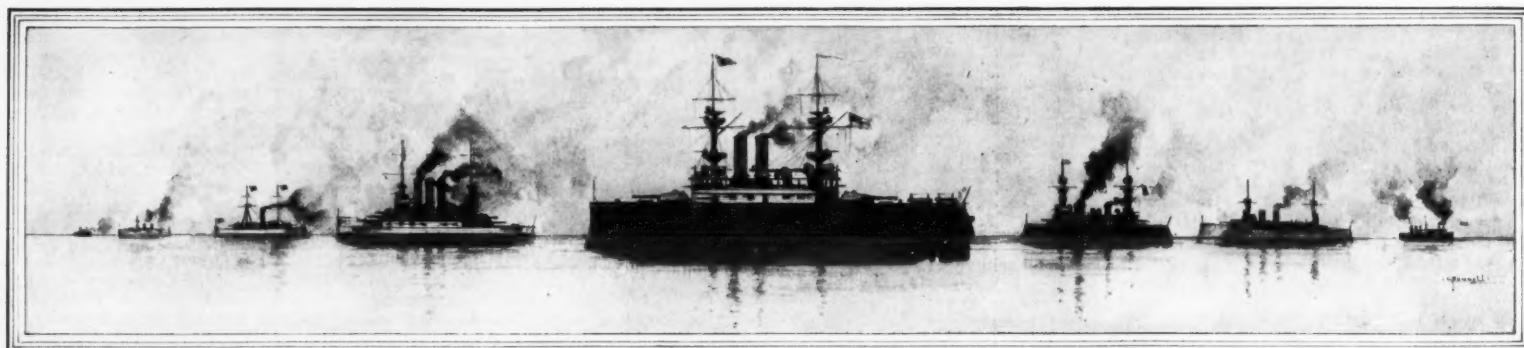
There are two squadrons of eight ships each, Admiral Evans flying the flag of the first and Admiral Thomas of the second. There are four divisions, Admiral Evans flying the flag of the first, Admiral Emory the flag of the second, Admiral Thomas the flag of the third, and Admiral Sperry the flag of the fourth—in other words, an officer of flag rank for every division.

In each division are grouped the ships most like in tonnage and in type. Leading are the *Connecticut* (Evans's ship), the *Louisiana*, the *Kansas*, and the *Vermont*, the final word of our shipyards. In the fourth division, bringing up the rear, are the *Alabama*, the *Illinois*, and the double-turreted *Kearsarge* and *Kentucky*, the older types, which are yet very modern compared to the *Oregon* and the *Iowa*.

In division, that is, four abreast, each keeping her distance as carefully as cadets in drill at West Point, at ten or twelve knots, an economical steaming speed, is a favorite formation. But at a flutter of a flag from the *Connecticut* the giants will swing into double or single file, and then may come another signal from the flagship in praise or in censure of some ship.

A combination of routine drudgery, of responsibility, of expectancy, and of sightseeing is this cruise. From shore leave in beautiful Rio de Janeiro in the late southern summer to Magdalena Bay in April is a change from oasis to desert. For the fleet does not go direct to San Francisco. At Magdalena Bay in Lower California it disappears from public view. Suspicion of our forward intentions presently lulled makes Mexico grant us a coaling privilege for three years, and about all Lower California is good for a naval base. On the sandy shores of Magdalena the only habitations are the few huts of the Indians who gather moss for the coloring matter. Here the fleet is coaled and prepares for the month it is to spend at sea in battle practise, connected with the outer world only by wireless.

After that it goes to San Francisco for the flower shows and the picnics and the banquets—and the officers will see their wives, who have waited at home while the ships were absent.



8th Power      6th Power      5th Power      2d Power      1st Power      3d Power      4th Power      7th Power  
*Austria*      *Russia*      *Japan*      *United States*      *Great Britain*      *France*      *Germany*      *Italy*  
3 battleships      8 battleships      13 battleships      29 battleships      55 battleships      23 battleships      26 battleships      8 battleships  
31,299 tons      110,952 tons      190,844 tons      400,042 tons      809,450 tons      321,977 tons      319,566 tons      95,418 tons

**Naval Strength of the Principal Powers, as Represented by Their Battleship Fleets**

*A sketch showing the composite peculiarities in battleship construction of the eight leading Powers, proportionate tonnage, length on the water-line, and bulk. Only first-class battleships, those of 10,000 and more tons displace-*

*ment, have been included. Vessels over twenty years old, unless they have been reconstructed and rearmed since 1900, and those not actually begun, although authorized, were not taken into account in the making of this sketch*

## The Real Cost of Armaments

By SAMUEL E. MOFFETT

**T**HE increased cost of living that is driving housekeepers to distraction is nowhere more obtrusive than in the prices of implements of warfare. Battleships used to cost five or six million dollars each. In the new *Dreadnought* era they are expected to average about ten. What does that represent in terms of the peaceful possibilities of national welfare?

Yale University has just published for the first time a complete report of its productive resources. On June 30 of this year its total funds amounted to \$8,746,690. Every ten-million-dollar battleship, therefore, represents more than the entire endowment of a university like Yale. According to the statistics of the Bureau of Education, the total income of all the universities and colleges in the United States, in the fiscal year 1905, was \$30,750,523, or about the cost of three new battleships. Of this amount, the National, State, and local governments contributed \$8,522,600—a little less than we are to pay for one battleship.

The Rhodes bequest for scholarships at Oxford, by which a man of imperial imagination expected to bind together the scattered members of the English-speaking race throughout the world, amounted to \$10,000,000—the price of one battleship. The Nobel fund, for the encouragement of work for the good of humanity in science, literature, and the promotion of international good-will, is \$9,000,000. The cost of one *Dreadnought* equals the endowment of the Carnegie Institute at Washington. Half that sum provided for the construction of the sixty-five Carnegie libraries in Greater New York. The fund by which George Peabody helped to set the educational systems of the Southern States on their feet after the Civil War amounted to \$3,500,000—enough to build a fairly respectable second-class cruiser. The John F. Slater fund for the education of the negroes, for which the donor received the thanks of Congress and a medal, was \$1,000,000—a little more

than the cost of one of the two new torpedo-boat destroyers authorized last winter. The cost of one battleship would pay for all the newspapers and periodicals issued in the eight States of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida in a year.

Congress was asked last winter to appropriate three million dollars for the establishment of the Appalachian and White Mountain Forest Reserve, which would save thousands of square miles of land throughout the Eastern States from desolation. It refused because Speaker Cannon thought the object was not worth the money. The amount asked for was about the cost of a second-class cruiser, and less than one-third the cost of one of the new *Dreadnoughts*. The total expenses of the army and navy, in 1906, amounted to nearly \$200,000,000. That was more than the entire assessed value of the real estate in any one of fifteen States, and nearly four times the value of the national fisheries. Three battleships and an armored cruiser would provide the proposed Atlantic deep waterway, from Boston to Key West.

*Cheap Saving and Dear Destroying*

FOR saving life and property on all our coasts, the Government spent, in 1906, \$1,832,465.93, or less than one per cent of the amount it spent in the same year in preparing to destroy them.

The Knickerbocker Trust Company of New York closed its doors, precipitating a panic which threatened the whole financial structure of the United States, and shook the Exchanges of the entire world, because its available resources were exhausted when it had paid out to depositors about three-fourths the cost of one battleship.

The Department of Agriculture has charge of the work of the Forest Service, which administers a region as large as the German Empire and protects the future habitability of a third of our national domain; it guards the purity of our food supplies, fights insect pests more destructive than invading armies, develops improved methods of farming that add hundreds of millions to

our annual income, checks diseases of plants and animals, studies soils and climates, searches the world for profitable varieties of plant and animal life, takes the lead in highway improvements, and furnishes the weather predictions upon which farmers and navigators base their plans. For all this there was appropriated last year a trifle less than the cost of one battleship. The Department of Commerce and Labor charts the coasts, maintains the lighthouses, publishes statistics of commerce, inspects steamers, develops our fisheries, regulates immigration, supervises the interests of labor, promotes manufacturing industry, and investigates the management of corporations. All these services cost us about the price of an armored cruiser.

With the liberal appropriation of a million dollars—a little more than the cost of keeping one of the new battleships in commission for a single year—the health authorities of Pennsylvania have undertaken a vigorous campaign against tuberculosis in all the sixty-seven counties of that State. The State of Missouri has built a tuberculosis sanatorium at a cost of \$185,000, representing approximately two of the twelve-inch guns of the *Delaware*, with their mountings. Two such guns would almost pay the net cost, above receipts, of caring for all our national forests for a year.

Every new battleship is the equivalent of a hundred and sixty-six miles of railroad, or of two thousand miles of first-class highway, or of some forty model tenements, or of two thousand village schoolhouses, or of all the school buildings of Baltimore and Cleveland put together, or of the public water-works of the Twin Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, or of all the park systems of ninety-three important American cities, or of all the fire-fighting equipment in forty-three still larger cities, or of all the twenty-three municipal electric-light plants in the United States, or of all the municipal asylums, almshouses, and hospitals in all the one hundred and forty-six cities of from twenty-five thousand to three hundred thousand people, or of all the public libraries belonging to twelve of the fourteen cities of over three hundred thousand, or of suburban homes for twenty-five thousand persons.

## Collier's

Rear-Admiral Charles M. Thomas,  
Commander of the Third Division

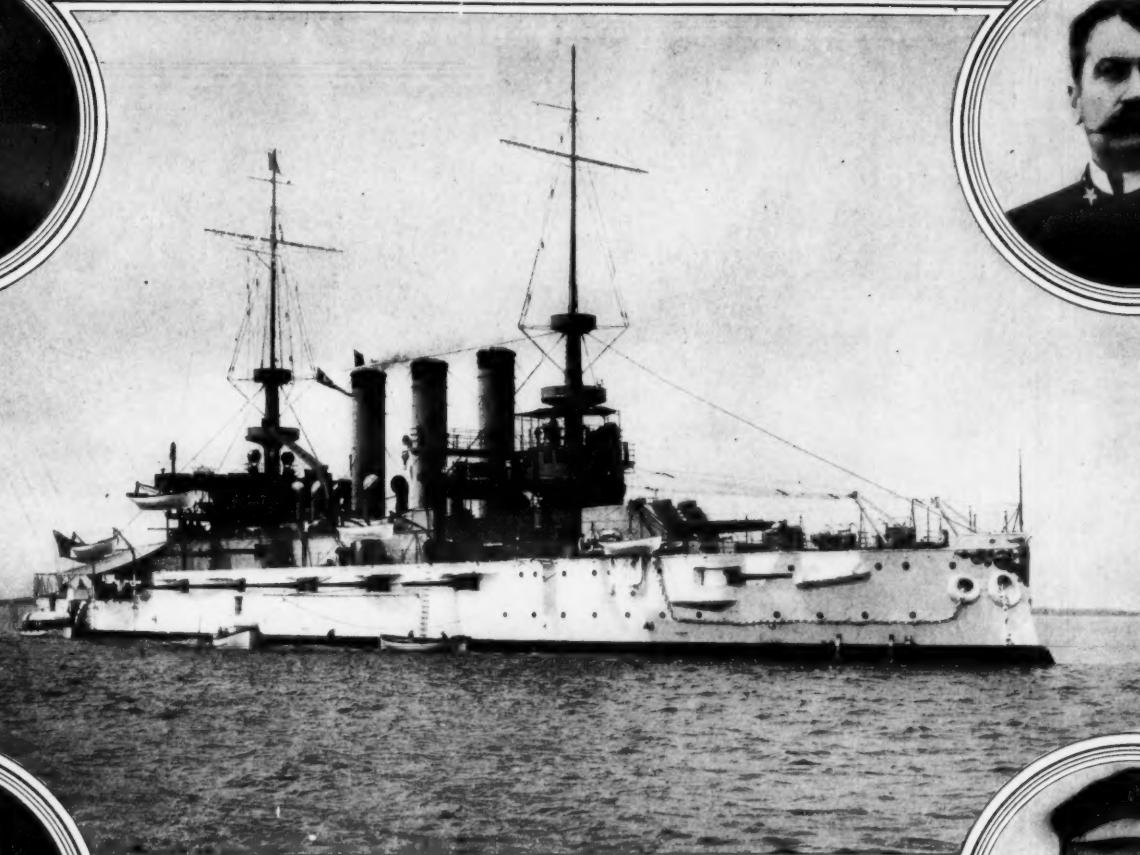


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Rear-Admiral  
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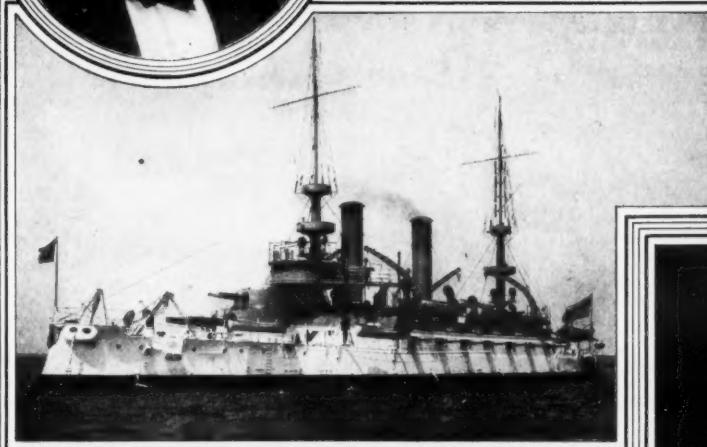
The "Ohio," one of the three battleships of 12,500 tons, built in San Francisco and launched in 1901. The others in this class are the "Maine" and the "Missouri." She is of 16,220 horse-power and mounts four 12-inch guns

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Rear-Admiral William H. Emory,  
Commander of the Second Division



Lieut. Hutch I.  
Cone, Commander  
of Torpedo-boat  
Flotilla



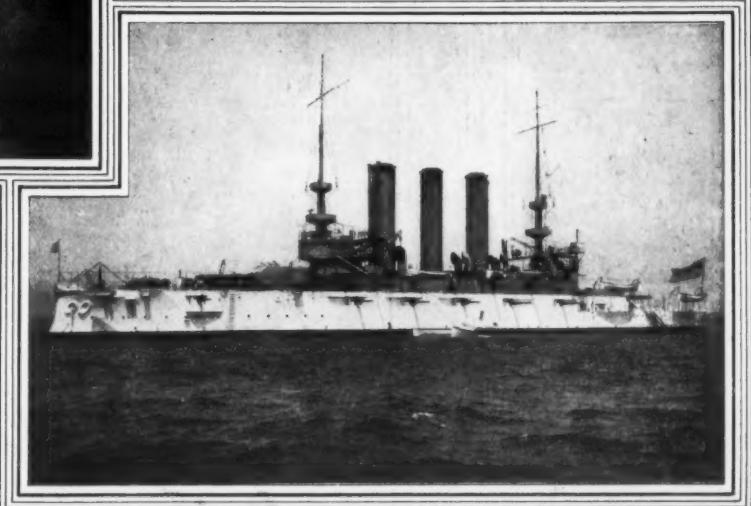
The "Kentucky," 11,520 tons, launched at Newport News in 1898, is a twin of the "Kearsarge," which was also built at Newport News

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The "Georgia," 14,948 tons, launched in 1904, is of the class of the "Virginia," "Rhode Island," "New Jersey," and "Nebraska"

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The "Vermont," 16,000 tons, launched in 1905, is of the same class as the "New Hampshire," "Kansas," and "Minnesota"

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Rear-Admiral Willard H. Brownson,  
Chief of the Bureau of Navigation

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The "Maine," 12,500 tons, was launched from Cramps' shipyards in 1901. She took the place of the warship that was blown up in 1898

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## Types of Ships, and the Commanders for the Pacific Cruise

# The Cruise of the



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Capt. John M. Bowyer  
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Lieut. Walter R. Gherardi



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Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans  
Commander in Chief of the  
Atlantic Fleet

## THE FLEET FORMATION

Rear-Admiral ROBLEY D. EVANS, Commanding

### First Division, First Squadron

Connecticut..... Captain Hugo W. Osterhaus  
(Flagship of Rear-Admiral Evans)  
Kansas..... Captain Charles E. Vreeland  
Vermont..... Captain William P. Potter  
Louisiana..... Captain Richard Wainwright

### Second Division, First Squadron

Georgia..... Captain Henry McCrea  
(Flagship of Rear-Admiral William H. Emory)  
New Jersey..... Captain Wm. H. H. Southerland  
Rhode Island..... Captain Joseph B. Murdock  
Virginia..... Captain Seaton Schroeder

### Third Division, Second Squadron

Minnesota..... Captain John Hubbard  
(Flagship of Rear-Admiral Charles M. Thomas)  
Ohio..... Captain Charles W. Bartlett  
Missouri..... Captain Greenleaf A. Merriam  
Maine..... Captain Giles B. Harber

### Fourth Division, Second Squadron

Alabama..... Captain Ten Eyck D. W. Veeder  
(Flagship of Rear-Admiral Charles S. Sperry)  
Illinois..... Captain John M. Bowyer  
Kearsarge..... Captain Hamilton Hutchins  
Kentucky..... Captain Walter C. Cowles

### The Auxiliary Division

Glacier, supply ship..... Commander W. S. Hogg  
Culgoa, supply ship, Lieut.-Commander J. B. Patton  
Panther, repair ship,..... Commander V. S. Nelson  
Yankton, tender..... Lieutenant W. R. Gherardi

## TORPEDO-BOAT FLOTILLA

Wainapple..... Lieutenant Hutch I. Cone  
(Commanding flotilla)  
Hopkins..... Lieutenant Alfred G. Howe  
Hull..... Lieutenant Frank McCommons  
Stewart..... Lieutenant Julius F. Hellweg  
Truxtun..... Lieutenant Charles S. Kerrick  
Lawrence..... Ensign Ernest Friedrich

## DETAILS OF THE CRUISE

Number of battleships..... 16  
Number of torpedo-boats..... 6  
Number of auxiliaries..... 4  
Total number of men in crews..... 15,000  
Length of cruise..... 13,772 miles  
Duration of voyage..... 135 days

## THE FLEET'S ITINERARY

Port Arrival Departure  
Hampton Roads..... Dec. 2, 1907  
San Juan..... Dec. 7, 1907  
Trinidad..... Dec. 15, 1907  
Para..... Dec. 26, 1907  
Pernambuco..... Jan. 5, 1908  
Rio de Janeiro..... Jan. 15, 1908  
Montevideo..... Jan. 25, 1908  
Punta Arenas..... Feb. 8, 1908  
Talcahuano..... Feb. 20, 1908  
Callao..... March 4, 1908  
Panama..... March 16, 1908  
Acapulco..... March 28, 1908  
Magdalena Bay..... April 6, 1908  
San Francisco..... (Probably May 1, 1908)

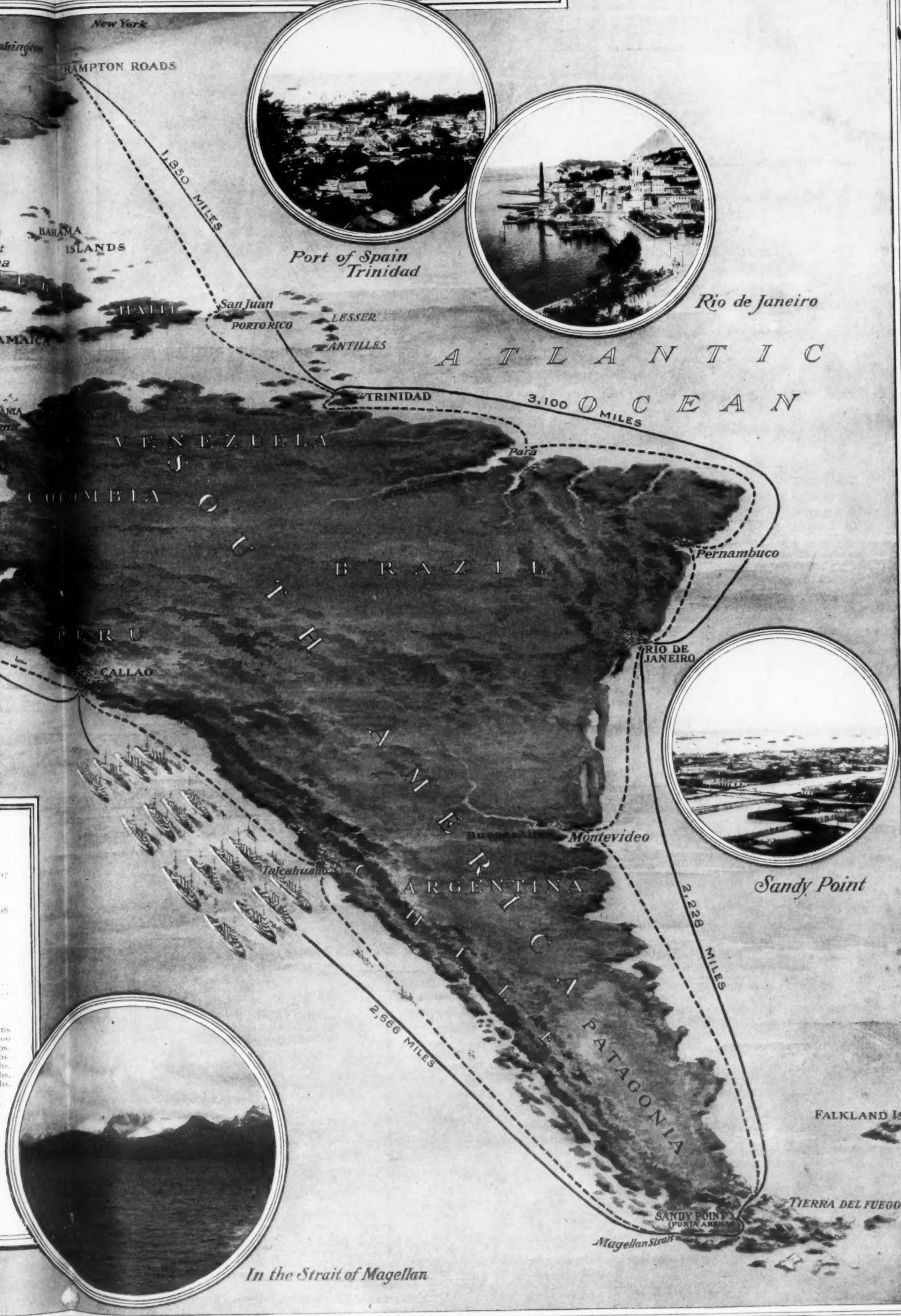
## FLEET SUPPLIES

Coal	130,000 tons
Cost of coal	\$1,300,000
Flour for the cruise	1,205,000 lbs.
Beef (fresh and tinned)	1,000,000 lbs.
Ham	400,000 lbs.
Tinned meats (other than beef)	200,000 lbs.
Salt pork	200,000 lbs.
Sausage	150,000 lbs.
Fowl	76,000 lbs.
Mutton	90,000 lbs.
Lard	85,000 lbs.
Potatoes	700,000 lbs.
Butter	150,000 lbs.
Fruits (dried and preserved)	300,000 lbs.
Coffee	100,000 lbs.
Tea	3,000 lbs.
Fresh eggs	24,000 doz.
Tinned vegetables	446,000 lbs.
Onions	93,000 lbs.
Rice	93,000 lbs.
Soap	65,000 lbs.
Tobacco	12,000 lbs.

\* The exact dates of departure from Magdalena Bay and of arrival at San Francisco are unknown, as they depend upon the completion of target practise in Magdalena Bay.

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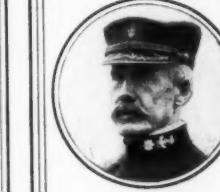
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Capt. Seaton Schroeder  
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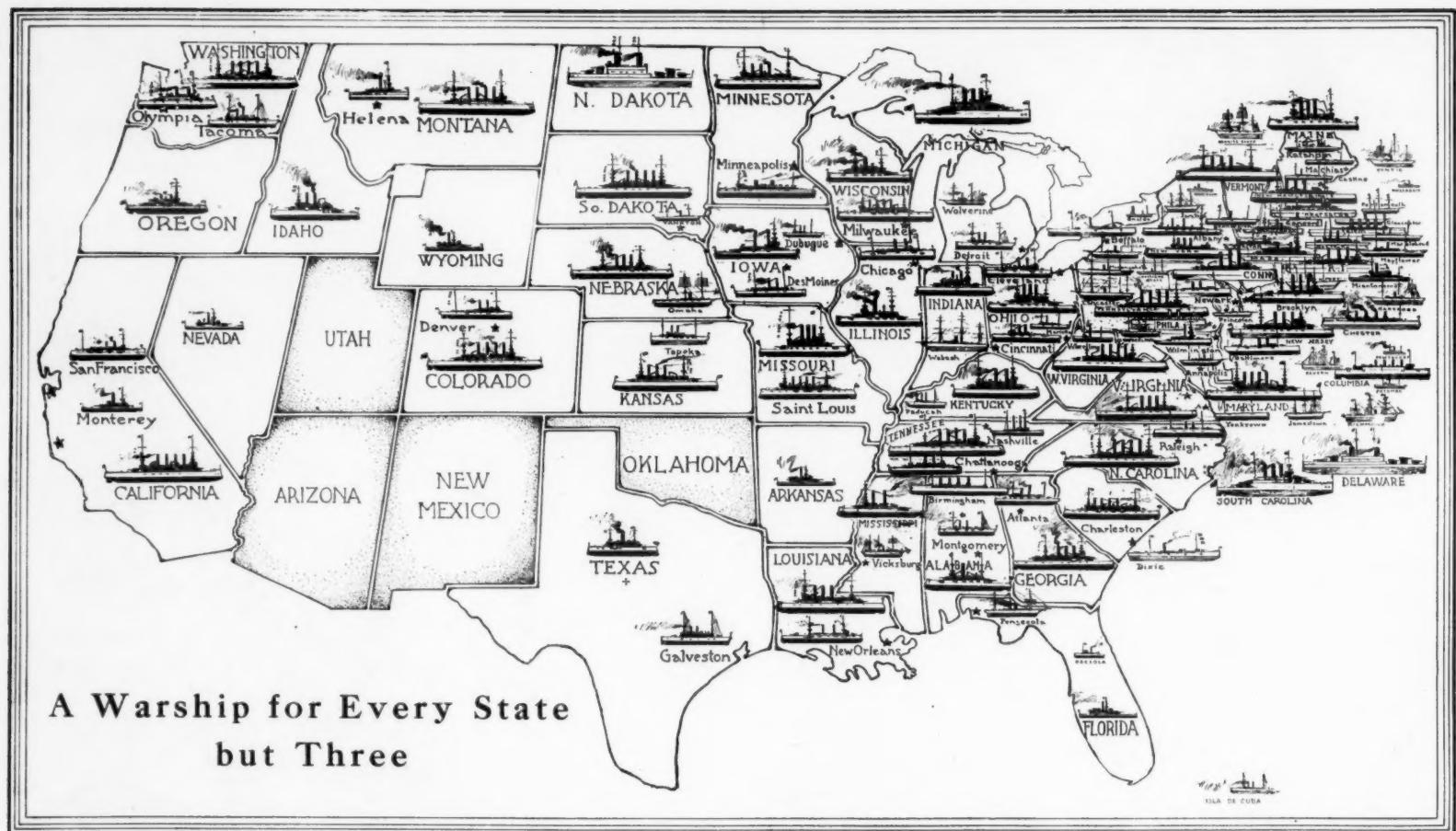
Comdr. Valentine S. Nelson



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### A Warship for Every State but Three

IT IS provided by law that "first-class steamers" of the American navy shall be named after the States of the Union, second-class after rivers and principal cities and towns, and third-class as the President may direct. An amendment passed in 1898 directs that all first-class battleships and monitors "shall be named for the States, and shall not be named for any city, place, or person until the names of the States shall have been exhausted." By a special act one battleship perpetuates the name of the historic "Kearsarge." Under these various provisions twenty-nine battleships, built or building, bear the names of States. Ten more States have furnished names to large armored cruisers, which rank with battleships as first-class vessels. Four States have to be con-

tent with monitors, which have no business to be in such company, but were forced in by Congress. That makes forty-three States directly represented in the navy, not counting New York, which is crowded out because she has the same name as the city which preempted our first armored cruiser. The only commonwealths still unprovided for are Utah and Oklahoma, and of these Oklahoma has come into the Union since the latest battleship was authorized. But there is still small reserve of State names, for the four small, single-turreted monitors—"Arkansas," "Florida," "Nevada," and "Wyoming"—may very well be rechristened when we have more first-class ships to be named. There are still swarms of cities waiting to present silver services to new cruiser

## Letters of a Japanese Schoolboy

V.—Is This Pacific Fleet Loaded?

By HASHIMURA TOGO

To Editor Collier Weekly, journal which is discovered being read by all Great Thinkers, also on news-stands:

MR. SIR:—

**T**HIS will be great afternoon for that Universal Peace. Already, maybe, by the time of going to post-office, this letter will be wrote too late to stop that great Peace Fleet from going everywhere. To all-colored nations of the East Side of the world this fleet will call full of good-will tokens supplied by American Powder Trust. Then it will proceed to San Francisco and capture the Pacific Ocean.

Hon. Marquis Admiral Bob Evans will make all the trouble there is to be. All great potentates of yellow kingdoms will be met and counted to prove that none are missing. List of these will be then sent to Hon. Taft, who will be responsible for their behavior. Mikado of Japan, Dowager of China, Emperor of Korea, King of Siam, Sultan of Sulu, Kagoo of Suj, wild gentleman of Borneo, all will be shook hands with & presented palm-branches, laurel-wreaths, fig-leaves, and other hon. decorations. Then there will be leave-taking and ice-cream served in each peaceable port.

But why does American fleet carry along such considerable gunpowder then? Will this all be used up firing salutes at crowned heads of friendly power? It is inquisitive.

What did Hon. Geo. Washington say so? "In time of peace prepare to break it." Emperor Roosevelt is agreeable, thank you.

And yet Japanese Boy enjoy one nervous alarm about this Fleet business.

Danger about battle-boat trips is this: If one Navy loaded with considerable gunpowder meet with one other Navy burning same kind of fuel, something is apt to shoot off. Who is blame for this? I make no reply.

Will warfare be result of this excursion? Surely it might. Because statistic of History show same fact. Each great water-war has started with this: One big fleet going out together to somewhere. On the way there this Fleet discover some Navy. Then there is shoots. So by all History, Greek navy bump with Persian like that; Roman navy hit with Carthage like those; Spain armada smash to English like this; America floaters bang to Spain like these; Japan cruise collide to Russia like them. This is irritating custom.

This Hon. Admiral Evans is fine conductor for this trip. He is energetic sailor of 1,000 horse-power swear-word. He is conversationalist of *Dreadnought* type. Nothing could continue to float in front of this Hon. Evans during broadside of hot-stuff explosions. This commander can swear accurately at short & long range, by flag-signal, and wireless telegram. The language of Hon. Evans is stimulating to American sailors in case of slaughter.

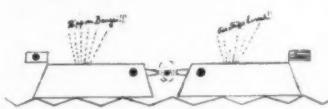
If flag-boat of th's Fleet should be sunked, what would be dying remarks of this Admiral Evans? All illustrious seamen has made famous remarks at time of sinking. Hon. Adm. Lord Nelson say, "Sink or swim, we guarantee satisfaction." Hon. Farrugue declaim, "Who fired that shot?" What, then, would be drowning speech of Hon. Evans? I should not dare to report same.

Before sending America fleet to fight with Japan fleet, must it not be more best to inquire which is most strongest of them? There is two following ways

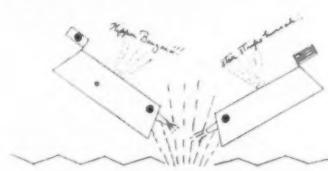
of finding comparative strength of two navies:

- 1—By fighting them.
- 2—By drawing diagrams.

It is inconvenient & sinful to fight them, so I have drew following diagram to show comparative boat-power of both kingdoms:



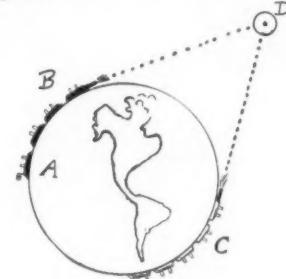
I have attempted with every possible endeavor, Mr. Editor, to draw them two Navies of equally the same size & dimensions by diagram. Because they are so. Each have equal brain-power, feet-power, horse-power. It would be more better, then, for such a navies to give each other a wide pass-by. If salutes must be fired, let there be no cannon-balls mixed into them. Because when two navies of exactly the same equality meet in angry rage, following diagram must occur:



Such a diagram would cause wasteful expense to both kingdoms.

For purposes of Peace, then, it would be very pleasant to keep them two Navies separated most distant as possible. If America navy care for Pacific Ocean, then Japan must be willing to occupy Atlantic Ocean, thank you. Should America change its preference about

this, it is most thoughtful for Japan boats to return to Pacific so hastily like possible. By so doing nothing would be done. Why? Because of following diagram:



Here is how so I explain this diagram:

- Fig A—representing World.  
Fig B—signifying Japan Navy.  
Fig C—showing America Navy.

Fig D—portrait of Moon.

America Navy infringing Pacific, Japan Navy infringing Atlantic, they could not get at each other for gun-shooting—because this. Because world is round and gun-shoot can not travel in circles. Therefore, America-Japan shooting at each other from opposite hemispheres would miss and shoot Moon to pieces. No one would enjoy sorrow for this, because neither kingdom cares to occupy Moon.

I Japanese Colony, S. F., many gentlemen of yellow peril discuss this round trip of Fleet. I overhear this talk so and make interview as Japanese reporter for Collier Weekly. Albert Sudecachi, Japanese plumber, say, "When America Fleet meet Japan boat we must hope for worst."

Sago Jokai renounce: "Let us hope this voyage will be complete without seasickness."

Arthur Kickahajama, missionary, cry: "Two such Christian nations could not meet together without breaking something."

My cousin Nogi will not converse for newspaper, because he has obtained job as Japanese Spy in employment agency.

I could not speak with I. Furo, Japanese hardware, about this; because that gentleman enjoys small-pox, so I do not like his talk.

I speak to I. Anazuma, Japanese barber, of this trip and he report:

"What to do, anyway, with all this sea-raking experiment?"

"This," I say, "American Fleet in sailing on East Side of world might capture several small islands, continents, etc., for these United States to have."

When I. Anazuma hear these he make crafty smile and report following legend of antique Japan:

In year 4506 b. c. (report this Anazuma) one Emperor of Japan send out famous Admiral Count Suzi to shoot

up and capture whatever nations was to be found. Mr. Suzi was given for use entire Japanese navy, consisting of 3 whaling-vessels, 2 junks, 6 house-boats, and 13 canoes. This was considered very adequate navy in them heathen periods.

Hon. Count Suzi & Fleet sail away with much banzai and considerable shower of rice. As soon as they have disappeared they remain away five years. Finally Hon. Emperor of Japan begin to enjoy considerable nervous worry over this absence of return.

He attempt to telegraph, but could not find such convenience at this early antiquity.

At the last, after the elopement of 12 years, messenger bring to Imperial gentleman following telegram:

"We beg to report success. We have seized China. Suzi."

Emperor of Japan call stenographer and declare following reply:

"Who wants China? Drop it."

Many nations is like diseases. It is not good to take it.

Will your printer object to following rhythm?

#### FAREWELL POEM TO PEACE FLEET

*Go to glorious satisfaction, or what you want, steamboats of Liberty. Go to fine death of various kinds, explosions, thunder-crack, electric-jounce; Go to hail-stone of bullets, sniff of smoke, singe of powder, Go to immortal line of fireworks, Go to blazes of every descriptions.*

*Japanese Boy enjoy considerable tear-drop to think how he is not there. Japanese Boy would fain like to be standing at quarter-house with the Admiral enjoying the shake of dynamite, Japanese Boy would desire to join American Fleet—*

*But this is impossible, thank you! And why so impossible, O Glory-bird? Because Japanese Boy has applied for job waiting on table for this Peace Fleet, Because he have applied to steward for such a situation And receive this response:*

*"Nothing to do, Hashimura Togo."*

*So good afternoon, magnificent excursion of heroes, Heroes on top-mast, stoke-hole, kitchen, dining-room. Japanese Boy must be elsewhere, Applying at Employment Agency for job as Hero?*

*Therefore go to glory, smoke, flame, blazes, Peace Fleet. Sayonara!*

I hope, Mr. Editor, you are enjoying pleasant time at all weddings, socials, funerals, etc. Yours truly,

HASHIMURA TOGO.

## A Little Drama Out in Idaho

By C. P. CONNOLLY



Norman M. Ruick, U. S. District Attorney for Idaho

have fattened on them. In years gone by, under former Administrations, justice, in the case of these timber thieves, has been shunted by danger signals flashed from Washington. Just now these offenders against the public laws are likely to escape punishment because of a public prejudice against the questionable zeal of some of the Federal officials.

There is perhaps no more popular idol in any far Western State than is United States Senator William E. Borah among the people of Idaho. Senator Borah is forty-two years old. He went to Idaho from Kansas about 1890. Without wealth or influential friends, he has made his way from the position of an obscure lawyer to a seat in the United States Senate.

In the summer of 1906 Borah announced himself a candidate for the United States Senate. He sought endorsement of his candidacy by the Republican State Convention which met at Pocatello that same summer. At the State Convention his endorsement was opposed by a small coterie, led by United States Judge James H. Beatty, which acquired the title of "insurgents." Judge Beatty had reached the age limit as a judge and was about to resign his office. He was the only other avowed candidate for the Senatorship at the State Convention. The most aggressive opponents of Borah were Judge Beatty, United States District Attorney Norman M. Ruick, and United States Marshal Ruel Rounds. Borah's candidacy was endorsed by the State convention, a Republican Legislature was elected, and he was chosen Senator on the first ballot.

On March 11, 1907, a Federal grand jury was called at Boise. The trial of William D. Haywood, Secretary-Treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners, charged with complicity in the murder of former Governor Steunenberg, was approaching. Borah became one of the prosecuting attorneys. Boise was congested with active friends and agents of the officers of the Western Federation. Already several important moves had been planned and executed in behalf of the Federation officials. Reports that Steunenberg had gone to Spokane at the time of the outbreak in the Coeur d'Alene, and there received fifty thousand dollars from the mine owners, were quietly spread. Other rumors were afloat. A general campaign of defamation of Steunenberg's memory was begun. His connection with the Barber Lumber Company, organized in Idaho three or four years before, was discussed, and dark hints of timber frauds perpetrated by him were given out.

Federal grand juries under the law must consist of not less than sixteen nor more than twenty-three persons. Judge Beatty had, during his long term of office, customarily issued a venire for not more than sixteen grand jurors. At the suggestion of District Attorney Ruick he issued a venire this time for twenty-three. Marshal Rounds claimed that he was unable to find many of the persons whose names were on the venire list. It developed later, however, that several of those reported "unfound" were within reach of summons. The original venire of grand jurors is drawn from the regular jury list, but the special venire to fill an incomplete panel is left to the selection of the United States Marshal, from the body of citizens. Judge Beatty ordered the Marshal to summon ten additional jurors from the body of citizens in place of those whom the Marshal had reported as "not found."

By a singular coincidence the ten jurors who re-

sponded were friends and sympathizers of the little band of insurgents which had made so much fuss over the endorsement of Borah's candidacy by the Pocatello convention. Among these were some of Borah's bitter enemies—one of them the son of the most bitter enemy he had in Boise. Senator Borah took no note of these things at the time. He had no interest in the grand jury.

The professional record of Norman M. Ruick, Idaho's United States District Attorney, had not been good. His appointment would hardly have been possible under any other system than that which allows Federal offices to be filled by the protégés of Senators and Representatives, often without regard to merit or fitness. Ruick had been prosecuting attorney at Hailey, Idaho, years before. The District Court record of the district in which Hailey is situated shows that Ruick while acting as prosecuting attorney was indicted for perjury and also for extortion. The files in these cases, together with other papers affecting Ruick, have disappeared from the court archives; but there is enough to show that he escaped trial in both cases because of a legal technicality.

No prosecuting attorney, State or Federal, is privileged to persuade or force grand jurors to indict any one. It is not one of his prerogatives. If done with a corrupt purpose it is criminal. District Attorney Ruick, without being requested for advice, made a long speech in the grand-jury room, urging the indictment of Senator Borah and his codefendants; he refused to leave the grand-jury room, although requested to do so, until the indictment was signed; he told the grand jury that if there was not sufficient evidence to convict, such evidence would be forth coming at the trial. He secured the indictment of Frank Steunenberg, a dead man, a thing never before heard of.

No purpose could be subserved by indicting Steunenberg other than to blacken his memory and create a public sentiment favorable to those charged with his assassination. An indictment is a necessary preliminary to a trial, and that only, and Steunenberg could not be brought to trial; but his ghost was brought to the bar of justice, as part of a general campaign cleverly managed and heavily capitalized, which was undertaken in Idaho at that time. The indictment was signed by the foreman without being read to the grand jury and without knowledge on the part of some of the grand jurors as to who was being indicted. Both before and after the indictment was secured, Ruick resorted to the most desperate methods in attempting to "sweat" witnesses, women as well as men. These things were taking place in March and April, and the trial of W. D. Haywood was set for May. An affidavit is in existence in which a reputable citizen of Salt Lake City swears that shortly after the grand jury adjourned, one of the attorneys for Moyer, Haywood, and Pettibone told the Salt Lake man that the indictment of Senator Borah had cost his clients fifteen thousand dollars. The indictment of Senator Borah and ex-Governor Steunenberg was a matter of caricature and comment in the Socialist press which circulated freely and gratuitously throughout Idaho prior to the Haywood trial. It had a marked effect on public sentiment in Idaho.

If those in charge of the Government prosecution had so desired, Steunenberg's name need not have been mentioned in connection with the timber frauds until the evidence was brought out at the trial; but this course did not seem to meet with the approval of the Federal officials of Idaho. By securing the indictment of the dead man the Federal officials seemed anxious to smirch his memory in time to help those who were charged with his assassination. The people of Idaho were, of course, shocked to learn of the indictment of Borah and Steunenberg. They could not quite understand it. It never occurred to them that the Federal officials might be sitting in a friendly



United States Senator W. E. Borah

game with the men charged with the assassination of Steunenberg. Then the interested ones began to declare that one side was as bad as the other, and the gullible ones swallowed the bait and began to be less concerned

about the punishment which should be meted out to Steunenberg's assassins. After all, what was the use of making a fuss about the taking off of a criminal?

The crime for which Senator Borah, former Governor Steunenberg, the Barber Lumber Company, and others were indicted was the alleged fraudulent acquisition of Government timber lands in the Boise Basin, not far from Boise. It has never been claimed that Senator Borah had any personal interest in the Barber Lumber Company, or held or owned any of its stock. He received a salary as attorney for the company and resigned his attorneyship at the time of his election to the Senate.

The Federal law regarding timber lands provides that any citizen of the United States may take up a timber claim, paying the Government therefor at the rate of \$2.50 per acre. The law, however, prohibits the acquisition of more than one hundred and sixty acres by any one person, and it requires that the land so entered shall be for the exclusive use and benefit of the entryman. After making his entry, and complying with the law in other respects, the entryman may sell or otherwise dispose of his timber land so acquired from the Government; but he must not beforehand contract to sell it to any other person, nor must he, secretly or otherwise, resort to any scheme by which the land is taken up with the intention of disposing of it to any particular person or corporation.

Back in 1901, Patrick Downs, a timber cruiser, who had migrated from an Eastern timber region, and John I. Wells, a miner, got some of their friends to take up timber claims in the Boise Basin, which they afterward acquired. Their funds ran low. William Sweet, a miner who had just sold a mine, was urged to become interested in the timber project. Sweet bought out the interests of Patrick Downs and John I. Wells, and then bought up other timber claims until he had \$22,000 invested. Then he went to Boise and tried to get others interested. He finally got former Governor Steunenberg to enter into partnership with him, the partners giving their joint note to a Boise bank to secure the financial nucleus for the further promotion of the enterprise. Later, Steunenberg, who, in the phrase of Sweet, "got cold feet" and wanted to sell out, went to Spokane and tried to interest A. B. Campbell. Campbell referred him to A. E. Palmer, who put Steunenberg in touch with J. T. Barber and Sumner G. Moon, two Wisconsin capitalists who operated in timber on a large scale. Barber and Moon agreed to buy out Steunenberg and Sweet, if Steunenberg would agree to secure twenty-five thousand acres of timber lands at not to exceed \$6.50 an acre. Steunenberg was to become interested in the new company, which was to be known as the Barber Lumber Company.

Out of three hundred and thirty-nine timber locations acquired by the Barber Lumber Company there has been proved so far wrong-doing in about twenty-five, and ninety per cent of these latter relate to money advanced to timber locators in 1901 by Sweet and John I. Wells for the purpose of taking up claims

which were afterward sold to them. This was a direct violation of law. That was before Steunenberg became identified with the project.

The Government originally held up large sections of the land acquired by the Barber Lumber Company, as well as other lands selected by the State of Idaho, on the ground that the land was mineral in character and not subject to timber location. It was owing to this contention that Steunenberg sought out certain Government influences and tried to ascertain the nature of the opposition on the part of the Government. He did not believe there was any justice in the Government's contention, but he did believe that some of the Federal officials in Boise might have a selfish purpose in thwarting his plans because of his refusal to entertain certain overtures from that source.

District Attorney Ruick seems to have been the first person to appreciate the commercial value of the timber lands in the Boise Basin. His public position prevented his bartering in these lands; but even before the time that Downs and Wells bought up their first timber

claims, he had organized a railroad corporation to build a road from Boise to the timber lands. As soon as the Barber Lumber Company was organized, Ruick held himself out to that corporation as the promoter of this enterprise, for which he had secured a franchise and right of way. Register E. E. Garrett of the local Land Office in Boise—having certain judicial powers in passing upon the titles to timber lands—was a director in Ruick's railroad corporation, a fact which Ruick did not allow to escape the attention of the lumber company. But most significant of all is the fact that long prior to these negotiations much of the evidence adduced at the Borah trial had been testified to before Register Garrett in proceedings growing out of the same frauds charged in the indictment.

One of the first duties of Senator Borah, as attorney for the Barber Lumber Company, was to pass upon Ruick's railroad proposition. He turned it down, and six months after the Barber Lumber Company finally rejected Ruick's overtures for a business alliance, Ruick secured its indictment from a grand jury.

Senator Borah was to take his seat on December 4. The question of his guilt or innocence must be first determined. He therefore demanded a speedy and separate trial. He waived the question as to whether his alleged crime had been condoned by the statute of limitations. His counsel agreed that it had; many other able lawyers agreed with them. Senator Borah also refused to take advantage of the irregularities charged as having occurred in the grand-jury room. He went to trial without formality or technicality. Forty witnesses appeared on behalf of the Government; only two of these were cross-examined.

There was nothing adduced at the trial to show that Senator Borah had guilty knowledge that the timber claims acquired in 1901, two years before he became attorney for the Barber Lumber Company, were fraudulently acquired; neither was there any evidence to show that the deeds which he placed on record for his clients were tainted with fraud. The jury was out long enough to take one ballot and sign a verdict of acquittal.



We are all going to sail away on a summer sea

**W**HEN my nephew Howard told me he was engaged to Edith Chickering, I was not surprised. She was precisely the kind of girl I should have known he would marry.

Howard was one of those sons who have never given their mothers an instant's anxiety. He had passed through Groton and then Yale (this last by unnatural request of his grandfather) in the exact manner which an appreciative parent could have wished. He had gone in for athletics just enough to make him popular, and not enough to interfere with his high stand; he had made all the societies he ought to make, and had been accorded the enviable and exceptional opportunity of refusing invitations to other and less scintillating organizations; he was, of course, a member of the "Lit." Board, and he stood foremost in the ranks of the rejuvenated Berkeley Association. Without a flaw to mar the brilliancy and general completeness of his career, he had been graduated at the age of twenty-two, had entered the Harvard Medical School, and now, at twenty-eight, was already a rising light.

So much for Howard. Unfortunately he had no longer a discriminating parent to rejoice in his perfections—only an old maid aunt—and, to my shame be it said, I had always found my blameless and commendable nephew a stick and a bore.

I am one of the few women—probably the only one—who never received an offer of marriage. Consequently, not having enjoyed any fling in my youth, my heart is still frisky as a girl's—friskier than most modern ones—and I have an undisciplined craving for something lively and rushing in the way of atmosphere. When the well-ordered respectability of my nephew's household gets too much on my nerves I run over to New York, where, with an old school friend who never has settled down either, I put a couple of weeks of Broadway shows and Fifth Avenue restaurants between me and the rarefied atmosphere of Home. When I add that I am a Winthrop—that the whole Back Bay is my second cousin—and that, as a child, Emerson's Essays were more familiar to me than Grimm's Fairy Tales, you will not need any further evidence of my shallowness and degeneracy.

Howard was not dependent upon his practise for an income, and so had not to make the uphill fight which faces the majority of young doctors. Beside the modest fortune of his grandfather (he of the Yale proclivities), he had been blest with an uncle and several other relatives with sound post-mortem views on financial matters in connection with himself, so there was no reason why he should not, and every reason why he should, marry at once.

Edith being a Chickering, I need add no more in regard to her family position. The many gabled cradle of her race—the home of eleven generations of the name—still stands on one of the broad, leafy streets of old Naumkeag.

She was very tall, with a face and figure which came straight down to her from some Greek ancestress—it might have been Juno.

That short upper lip—the delicately rounded chin—the small, straight nose—never originated anywhere short of Greece.

When I say that she was a fitting mate for Howard's well-balanced character, you will, of course, understand that, like him, she did everything well, without overdoing it. She was expert at golf, without being its slave; she spoke intelligent Wagnerian without abstruseness; she discriminated neatly between Nora, Hedda Gabler, and Rebecca West as types, without advancing any philosophical theories of her own concerning their characters; she understood and enjoyed Richard Strauss, and she did not accuse Meredith of not writing English.

She was only twenty, and before her poise and self-control I felt my forty-five years—oh, horrible stigma!—trifling—uninformed—*New York!*

I thought the best way to get acquainted with Edith was to invite her to pay me a long visit, and at her coming our household took on an atmosphere of sedate gaiety and tempered mirth.

The wedding was to take place early in the autumn, so soon as her family should have returned from abroad, at the Church of the Advent, and the preparations were progressing with that absence of haste and excitement which distinguished all Edith's movements. Such gowns as she owed it to herself to order from Paris she gave strict directions to have quiet and subdued, both as to fashion and hue. Whenever it was possible she bestowed her custom upon this country, though fully realizing the sacrifice she was making to patriotism.

When she left me to go to a cousin at Beverly Farms for the rest of the summer, I am ashamed to say I felt as though suddenly released from a mold. The constant endeavor which I had unconsciously been making to form myself on such a model was really almost too stimulating, and I felt the need of relaxation before becoming 'set,' so to speak. Accordingly, I arranged matters with my friend in the trifling City of the Skyscraper to join me at the Plaza and quietly stole away from the Land of the Sacred Codfish, feeling that this would probably be my last lapse from the high standard by which in future my doings would be regulated.

I had been three weeks with Susan Jerome and was beginning to feel a trifle more like myself. With the exception of breakfast, we had not taken a meal at the hotel since our arrival, and what with a matinée somewhere nearly every afternoon to supplement the evening performances, there remained very few attractions on Broadway to be done duty by.

One of the choicest, because carrying with it still a flavor of something unconventional hilarity, had been reserved for my last night of freedom, and eight o'clock found Sue and me in a snug little box about midway of the pretty theatre, for I am one who likes to begin with the first note of the orchestra and stay till the last repetition of the last chorus.

The curtain had been raised some ten minutes, and the first entrance of the diminutive comedian was being led up to by the usual clever arrangement of chorus and stage effects when a party entered the next box. The lights being down, I could not see my neighbors, but gradually I became aware that a monologue was forcing itself upon my ears like a one-ended telephone conversation.

"WELL, what if you have? If she's the kind you say, she'll be perfectly philosophical about it. You can let her break it."

"Oh, what do you care what they say? Go abroad for six months, and no one will remember a thing about it."

"Of course you couldn't stand for a girl always collected and intellectual—no one could—and you, of all men!"

"Oh, they do, do they? Well, they've got another think coming. Just refer them to me if that's their idea of you!"

"You must have led a sweet life—between that cold statue and that cut-and-dried old maid aunt!"

"Yes, they do change. I've heard, after they're engaged, but I didn't know they got more so; I thought they let up."

"Oh, hang family tradition! Hang Naumkeag! You can't go on bottling yourself up forever, just because you've got an acquired reputation to live up to!"

"Chuck it, I say again. She'll be the first to thank you. Come on now, let's get out of this. We'll go back to the Plaza, and you can block out those letters, and start the ball rolling. Bully thought of yours, to run away from them all."

"Down the shady lane together"—kicked and caroled the sprightly sextette, as the adjoining box door slammed, and once more I tried to turn my attention to the stage. But my thoughts were with the unheard speaker. Poor young man! Evidently on the verge of a bad mess, whatever it was. What a mercy that Howard was not that sort! And, even as I thought the words, an undisciplined twinge of regret shot through me that my reliable nephew was not capable of kicking over the traces like this young fellow.

I was shaking my graceless head, and trying to throw myself into the antics of the comedian's dialect, when, from the box on my other side, came a murmuring

## The Floppings of the Sacred Codfish

By  
MARY BUELL WOOD



Aunt Louisa

sound, which gradually resolved itself into a monologue in another key, but sounding strangely like the same strain.

"My dear girl—I can't tell you how glad I am you see it before it's too late."

"Nonsense, of course not—he won't care—did you ever see him get excited over *anything*? Test-tubes and reactions will amply console him!"

"Yes, I know—you thought you did—and you could, if he had been different. But you've given him a good trial, and he gets worse all the time, so you can't, and you might as well give it up."

"That model kind are the limit—they're perfectly hopeless! Poor darling! And that awful, drab, old-maid aunt! I know the sort. Black in the face, of course, trying to live up to what they expected of you."

"And you always hated Ibsen anyway—and you never could bear Wagner! But your memory never goes back on you."

"That's right, dear, but don't do it so hard—it will make your pretty eyes red."

"Oh, they'll do just as well for Bar Harbor, after you've smartened them up—you poor dear!—that shows how you've repressed yourself! We need a lot of things up there always and Papa likes us to look nice. I'm so glad you're a good sailor. You'll forget all about it after you've been at sea a few days."

"No, I don't know that I ever did—but I would—I know I would, if I found him such an awful prig, and not what I supposed—I would feel it my duty!"

"No, Papa won't hear us—he always begins to laugh the minute he gets here, and never stops an instant."

"Splendid and brave in you just to run away from them all—and what a mercy you got my letter from the Plaza! We're only on shore such a short time."

"Never mind what they say—of course you'll be criticized, but then you would be, whether you did anything or not—one always is—so you might as well give them something worth while."

**S**UDDENLY the wrangling discords crashed into a Wagnerian harmony! "I must see!" I cried in a frenzy, as the curtain fell, and the lights blazed out, revealing in the next box a tall, broad-shouldered man with iron-gray hair—a very pretty, fluffy young woman, and, with them, in a pink dress, and a hat nodding all over with pink roses—my all but niece—Edith!

"Aunt Louisa!"—she gasped—but with her guilty air of being found out was mingled an element of astonished admiration, which no woman could mistake—a flattering tribute to my outward appearance.

"Aunt Louisa!"—repeated the iron-gray gentleman—"do you mean to tell me this is Aunt Louisa—the drab Aunt Louisa?"

I have perhaps omitted to mention that my costume was of light blue rajah silk—a sort of glorified jumper effect—with a lace blouse, and a large white hat with sweeping blue plumes—a chaste get up, quite in keeping with the city where the Baptismal Register is not consulted in the selection of toilets.

Safely packed away in the keeping of the Back Bay are all my usual soft grays and doves. When in New York I go clad as do other young ladies of forty-five—or seventy.

"My dear Edith," I began, firmly grasping one horn of the dilemma before she could speak, "it would seem that we have all made a trifling error in our premises, if I may judge from the fragments of your friend's conversation, which have floated over into my box, and that our several characters are going to turn somersaults—but as we appear to be staying at the same hotel I would suggest that we postpone our mental gymnastics until to-morrow morning."

Edith seemed too dumfounded for any reply, beyond a dazed assent, and, after being presented to her friends—Mr. and Miss Rutledge—I once more retired to my own box as the curtain went up on the second act.

"Sue," I exclaimed impressively, "if it were not so perfectly ridiculous and utterly impossible, I should almost think the one I couldn't hear was my nephew Howard. Of course it can't be—he never in this world had *go* enough to do it—but—"

"Lou, would you mind telling me what on earth you are talking about?"

"I forgot you were not eavesdropping. Well, try and bring your mind to bear on the fact that, insane as it is—Howard and Edith—whom I ran away from—are now running away from me—Edith is right before your eyes in the next box."

"That Edith! You told me she was—"

"Yes, I know I did—and she was—that is, she seemed so—I don't even now believe I'm awake."

But a good night's rest, rounded out with Sue's suggestions, sharpened my wits, until I began to see a way to pull the threads back into their proper warp.

First—Howard—as he was liable to take his friend's advice and "bolt" at any moment. Inquiry of the office disclosed that Dr. H. R. Winthrop of Boston was in possession of apartment 326. Should I tell him Edith was here? I finally decided to send for my nephew, but to leave each of the young people in ignorance of the other's proximity.

"Why, Aunt Louisa," exclaimed Howard, as he entered my sitting room, "what are you doing here, and what have you been doing to yourself?"

"My dear Howard," I began, "there is a great deal

for you to learn and inwardly digest in a very short time. I was at the play last night and overheard the remarks of a young man in the next box to an unseen and unheard person whom I now believe to have been you. From them I realize that you are about to make a fool of yourself. Furthermore, you have formed an entirely false conception of your aunt. She, I may add, has been equally misled as to you. You are not the featureless prig I have always squirmed (if I so speak) over, and I am not the bloodless fossil you have catalogued me. The point at issue is—since we, having been all upside down in these characterizations of ourselves, is it not possible that Edith may also have fallen into the same misapprehension in regard to us? And likewise that she herself may be some one quite otherwise? Therefore I ask—in fact, I insist—that we take pains to ascertain what the real Edith—really is. She may not be able to stand us, for all we know."

"Aunt Louisa, do you know anything about Edith?"

"My boy, I haven't time now to tell you what I know or do not know. I can only say this—I guess a great deal—and it is up to you to find out positively."

were contemplating, and see if we can't get introduced and start again on a new basis."

"But," slowly returned Edith, who all through my long speech had been rumpling up her pretty forehead in perplexity, "how did you happen to be here? I thought you were in Boston, Aunt Louisa."

"Well, to tell the exact truth—I couldn't stand any more of you and Howard, and I ran over here to tone up my overtaxed nerves. But let us not wander from the point. No one knows anything about any of us—I mean about this running away—and we mustn't let them find it out. It is too undignified for people in our position. Therefore I ask you to view Howard in a new light, and see if he is so frightfully good that he 'drives you crazy.'"

Edith blushed very becomingly.

"But I've got my mind all off Howard now, and I've planned out just how I was going to manage everything, and what I was going to say—and all—besides, he's in Boston."

"I know it's hard, when you've twisted things around with a wrench to have to twist them back again, but you owe it to the family to make the effort. Promise me at least to take no steps for a few days."

"Well—I might do that—but—"

"This is no time for 'buts'—what hour shall you all be lunching?"

"About two, I suppose—but what will Leila say—and her father, too? I've made them think I'm exciting and intense, and it will seem so flat—"

"Never mind—don't effervesce for a day or two—that's all I ask."

**I**NEXT bethought myself that Mr. Rutledge might make a valuable ally. I had our room telephones connected and asked him to give me a half-hour of his valuable time on a strictly confidential matter. He came at once, and in a few minutes had grasped the entire situation, and between us we concocted a working scheme, which promised well for the happiness of all concerned.

I believe the Rutledges come from California or somewhere. I must say there is a breezy, open-hearted air about these Westerners that is quite foreign to the Eastern coast. They don't seem to need to know much of anything about you. The mere fact of Edith and Leila having been at Farmington together, appears to include all of us in one family.

We had finished our crabs, and the birds and artichokes were being served before the Edith party, for whom I had bribed the head waiter to reserve a table near our own, appeared. Edith certainly looked of New York—New York—to the last floating ribbon of her costly summer costume—white though it all was.

Those soft puffs and little curly tendrils about her forehead and behind her little ears were a great change from the heavy braids which used to twine themselves around her small head—and, I must say, not less becoming. Howard's back was turned toward that table by my adroit management, and neither of the runaways caught a glimpse of the other.

"By Jove, what a stunning girl!" exclaimed Mr. Suydam after a moment.

Howard glared gloomily out of the window. Girls had no charm for him.

"But look, old man—she really is a hummer!"

Thus adjured, my nephew languidly turned his head in a bored manner, then gave a great start and looked back at me stupidly, yet with a pleasurable interest brightening his eyes.

"Is it? Can it be—?" (Howard.)

"It is. It can!" (Aunt Lou.)

"What? Who? Not—?" (Mr. Suydam.)

"Yes—Edith. She looks like a 'cold statue,' doesn't she?"

"But what is she doing here?"

"Precisely what all the rest of us are—running away from the others."

Just then Edith caught sight of me, and turning to see my companions, her face began in its turn to assume the combination of amazed stupidity, and dawning satisfaction, which had floated, wave-like, over the countenance of her former prospective husband.

**B**eing a woman, she more quickly recovered herself and addressed her attention to her plate. But furtive glances were turned in our direction from time to time, and it was evident that a whispered and highly punctuated conversation was in progress with Miss Rutledge. I thoughtfully dilly-dallied along until I saw that the other party were about finishing their ices, when I wound up matters at my own table and so maneuvered that just as Edith rose from her chair Howard pushed back his.

A meeting was inevitable. Suddenly the bright color flushed up in the fair Grecian face, and the hand that was held out to Howard was evidently anything but a reluctant hand.

My nephew's appearance had assumed the same chameleon character that had metamorphosed the rest of the pilgrims from the Back Bay. His whole make-up was one of almost rakish smartness. A bright red scarf, with a diamond horseshoe did not detract from this impression.

Mr. Rutledge rose to the occasion.

"Why don't you two young people—Miss Winthrop's nephew, I believe—how do you do, sir—jump into a hansom, and take a turn around the Park. Then, later, we'll all run down in the Mercedes to the Oriental for dinner. You'll join us—ah—Mr. Suydam?—glad to



The lights revealed my all but niece—Edith!

I find Manhattanese much more effective in emergencies than English.)

"That's all very well, but Edith is sitting under the family tree on the North Shore."

"Well, we will invent some way of getting at her. You and your friend—Mr. Suydam, is it?—take luncheon with me to-day, and we will talk it over."

**H**AVING thus plowed up the ground for Howard's crop of new impressions, I next beset myself to the far more difficult and delicate operation of removing Edith's preconceived ideas of her future family.

Accordingly, I sent a note to Edith asking her to come to my room prepared for the gymnastics of which I had spoken the previous night.

She looked prettier than whole bunches of pinks, her cheeks quite rosy with what I fear was irritation and annoyance at my obstruction upon her field of action.

"My dear girl," I began, kissing her affectionately for the first time, and dropping into the language of the country, "I want to tell you right off that you are the prettiest thing ever—that Irish lace coat is perfectly sweet)—and that I shall never forgive myself for making you stay up on that horrid pedestal. But I really thought you got up there because you liked it. I hardly know where to begin, but, in the first place, I am not staid nor classic. You need never mention Ibsen nor Wagner again in my presence. I am the antithesis of my Back Bay character. Howard, I am amazed to find out—never mind how, just now—is quite as much of an 'opposite' as I am myself, or as you, my dear Edith, have so startlingly proved yourself to be. He, too, has been compressing himself into the type expected of him. Therefore, my dear girl, now that it is evident that we are all strangers to each other, suppose we call off that step I gather that you

know you. My daughter—my only one—have to be father and mother both. Afraid she doesn't get much bringing up."

Mr. Rutledge may not have been, as he said, much of a disciplinarian, but he certainly proved himself an organizer of the highest ability, for an hour later, when Edith and Howard returned, bearing in their animated and "chummy" manner, the traces of the subverting effects of their reintroduction, he summed up the matter with characteristic vigor and despatch.

"What I say is this. Leila and Miss Winthrop have been telling me about the general mix-up you good Bunker Hillers have all been getting yourselves into. Now, don't you think you ought to pull yourselves out of it about as fast as you can? So / say—the next play is—just get married here—Little Church only a few blocks down—then take the yacht and go off for a bit of a cruise—and after that we'll all run up to Bar Harbor and put in a good old holiday together—the

more the merrier. *Everybody happy!* Your Aunt Lou, here, and I will represent your father and mother, my dear—only she's a good lot too young for any parent business—and too pretty, too."

(That's what he *said*—and I found I could blush just as well as Edith. What he has said since is not necessary to this story.)

"Yes, indeed, my dear children," I supplemented, recovering myself, "I am not at all sure that this is not the wisest plan. We must remember that while we may like to come over here from time to time and play under the green banner of Erin, our own proud standard is the Sacred Codfish, and we owe it to ourselves as loyal Winthrops and Chickering not to let our misguided runnings away from each other cast any ridicule upon it. Therefore your Aunt Lou agrees with our kind friend here, that we can not too quickly put a stop to any possible vulgar discussion of our family misapprehensions, by this happy ending."

Could that be *Edith* looking *roguish*, while the rosy

blushes chased each other all over her delicately classic features? And Howard—chuckling!

"Out of sight, Aunt Lou—*Sure*, it's the next play, Mr. Rutledge—but we've already got away with it. Just come from the Little Church. Show them your ring, Edie."

THEY have been gone two weeks, and the rest of us have motored and sailed and put-putted all over and around—down the Harbor—up the Hudson—through the suburbs—out to the Sound—dinners and luncheons and suppers at Blossom Heath—Woodmansteens—Claremont—Gramatin—The Abbey—Long Beach—Briar Cliff—and all the other inns, far and near—the nicest two weeks I ever spent in my life. Leila and Mr. Suydam and Sue are getting a little tired—but I could keep right on forever—and just as soon as the children get back we are all going to sail away on a summer sea, into a land quite unknown to me, and one which I never expected to visit.

# What the World is Doing

*A Record of Current Events*

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## The Sixtieth Congress

**T**HE Congress which met on Monday, December 3, whether it prove to be our best and wisest or not, is at least our biggest. The Senate, which has had ninety members for the past eleven years, now has ninety-two; the House, which has had three hundred and eighty-six members for four years, has expanded to three hundred and ninety-one. For this growth, Oklahoma is responsible. Oklahoma is also responsible for destroying the two-thirds Republican majority in the Senate.

The financial crisis has changed the entire outlook for this session. It was expected that in the shadow of an approaching Presidential election controversial topics would be avoided, and that Congress would confine itself as far as possible to routine business. But now this soothing program has been rudely upset. The subject of the currency, about which we have wrangled since the Parsons of Virginia insisted on their right to draw their salaries in tobacco and the independent citizens of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations set their printing-presses to work turning out rag money, will have to be grasped by the neck and shaken into some sort of order.

The Sixtieth Congress will have plenty of time to take up a lot of non-political work where the Fifty-ninth Congress dropped it. The creation of the Appalachian and White Mountain forest reserves is only one of the measures needed for the preservation of the remnant of our national resources. When the last Congress adjourned President Roosevelt was trying to secure the passage of a law withdrawing coal and oil lands from entry and authorizing leases of coal, oil, and grazing lands. Congress refused, or at least failed, to carry out his wishes, and the whole matter is now to be dealt with afresh. The timber-grabbers managed to insert a clause in the Agricultural Appropriation bill forbidding the reservation of any more national forests in the States of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, and Wyoming without special acts of Congress. The President flanked the enemy's position by reserving over sixteen million acres before he signed the bill. He has since restored a small part of the land so reserved to the public domain, but not enough to cool the superheated tempers of the grabbers, which were boiling before and have been growing hotter for nine months.

In connection with this matter will come the development of waterways, irrigation, and drainage. All these things are linked together, and the advocates of each separate project are learning the lesson: "United we stand; divided we fall." The Appalachian and White Mountain forest reserves, the Atlantic coast waterway from Boston to Key West, the scheme for a national drainage system which would reclaim eighty million acres of swamp land east of the Mississippi, the Lakes to the Gulf waterway with its tributary branches, and the irri-

gation of the arid lands of the Far West enlist among them the warm local interest of almost every State in the Union, and a combination of their advocates would be irresistible.

The abolition of the tariff taxes on goods from the Philippines can not be called a political measure, since it is in line with Democratic principles and is urged by a Republican Administration and by the Republican leaders in Congress. It is a simple matter of justice.

The question of the canteen in the army has entered upon a new phase. As it stood in the last Congress it was a question whether soldiers should be deprived of the right to drink beer and light wines in an orderly way in their post exchanges while they had every facility for drinking poisonous whisky in a disorderly way and amid all sorts of vicious and demoralizing surroundings just outside. In that form there could hardly be two sides to the issue, and most of the members of Congress who opposed the canteen did so under pressure and against their better judgment. But now the wave of anti-saloon sentiment that has swept over the country has left a number of military posts stranded in prohibition communities and has at least nominally wiped out the dives that surrounded them. As far as those particular posts are concerned, the matter has taken on a new aspect. The whole subject will have to be carefully considered by Congress, and it may be that it will decide that the best way to settle the question is to regulate the canteen at each place by the law and custom of the vicinage.

The state of the military services in general will demand earnest consideration from Congress. Life in the army has become so unattractive, from insufficient pay, abolition of canteen privileges, and other causes, that Adjutant-General Ainsworth seriously suggests in his annual report that it may become necessary to fill the ranks by conscription. He says that "notwithstanding the most strenuous efforts on the part of the War Department and the recruiting officers, it has been found impossible wholly to make good the losses, to say nothing of increasing the enlisted strength to the authorized limit." Within the past year the shortage has more than doubled, and now exceeds twenty thousand for the regular army and the Philippine Scouts. It may be found, however, that the business depression, throwing men out of employment in civil life, may increase the number of enlistments. The navy, as well as the army, will make pressing demands for personnel legislation at this session.

The year's developments have made a marked change in our naval policy. Last year it was thought that we had become as strong at sea as we needed to be, and that all we should have to do thereafter would be to replace old ships with new ones. Now we appear to be launched upon a new program of expansion. Meanwhile we are making experiments with airships, and the announcement that the army is to buy a flying machine from the Wright Brothers may be the forerunner of aerial fleets that will render our costly battleship squadrons obsolete.

## Financial Convalescence

THE financial crisis has run the regular course followed by such convulsions in the past, and the patient is on the mend. The sudden decision of the Government to borrow \$150,000,000 that it did not need for the sake of furnishing new securities to the financial markets has met with anything but universal approval. Representative Fowler, of New Jersey, who has been chairman of the House Committee on Banking and Currency, is most emphatic in condemning it. He declares that he was the author of the law permitting the Treasury to issue three per cent one-year notes, that the sole purpose of that permission, as expressed in the language of the statute itself, was to furnish the Government with the means of meeting its current expenses when the revenues ran short, and that it was not imagined that this authority could be used for any other object. The critics hold that the financial trouble was steadily righting itself without Government aid, that the recovery, when completed, would have been sound, and that the drugs administered by the Treasury, while stimulating for the moment, will have very bad effects later on.

The extraordinary ideas of American conditions that seem to have been prevailing abroad serve, like the misunderstandings between Japan and the United States, to show how dependent national reputations are upon the man who feeds a cable with news despatches. Wild romances about the frenzy of bank depositors in New York have been eagerly swallowed in London, and it seems to have been generally believed there that Americans have been walking the streets of ruined cities, penniless and hungry. The "Lokalanziger" of Berlin speaks of "the blind terror, the undiscriminating madness of the masses." The London "Telegraph" had a cable despatch, which met with wide approval for its vivid truthfulness, telling how crowds of crazed depositors of the Knickerbocker Trust Company besieged the closed doors of that unlucky institution with howls of rage, shouting: "Give us back our dough!" The ordinarily sane London "Economist" has been insisting that the only way out is for the United States Government to float a large issue of temporarily, and perhaps permanently, irredeemable paper currency.

Of course, there is method in the "Economist's" madness. If we should accept its disinterested advice to issue irredeemable paper, we should not only stop drawing gold from England, but we should send back all we have taken, and that would be followed by most of the hundreds of millions of gold in our banks, the nine hundred millions in the Treasury and the hundred-million annual output of our mines. Europe would have the wildest boom on record. All she needs to ensure it is for Americans to go crazy.

Coming back to the world of realities, the chief point of real importance now is not the currency but the state of industry. Some pessimists seem to imagine that every wheel in the country is going to stop short and never turn again. They overlook certain essential facts. The basic national industry is agriculture. Everything the farmers produce,

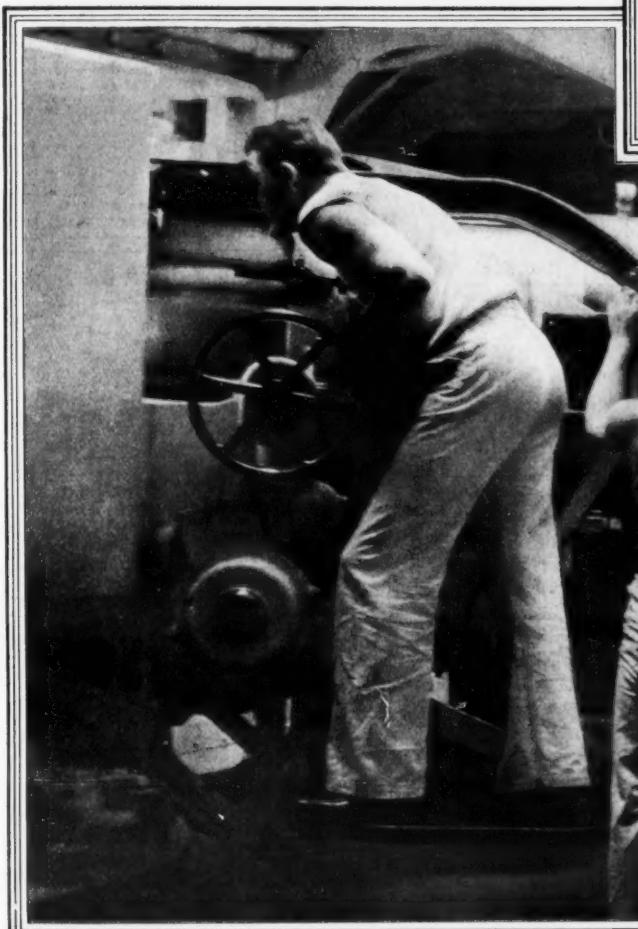
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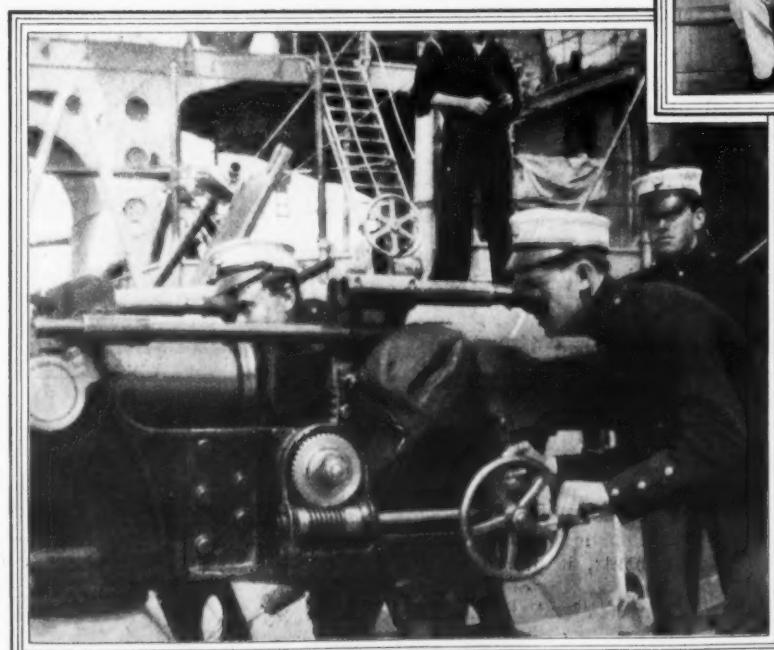
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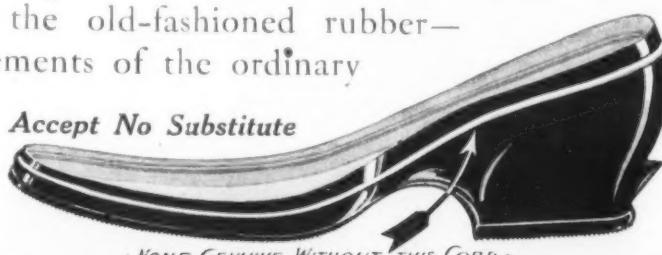


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other States have had legislative majorities pledged to pass public opinion laws, but the pledges have been broken. Nearly one-third of the members of the National House of Representatives are pledged to vote for such a law applying to certain important specified subjects.

Another extension of democracy, the plan of permitting the voters to recall officials before the end of a fixed term, is spreading among Western cities. The first one to adopt it was Los Angeles, whose charter provided for it in 1903. It is now a charter right in San Diego, San Bernardino, Pasadena, Fresno, Santa Monica, Alameda, Long Beach, and Riverside in California; in Seattle, and all the cities of the second class in Washington; in Des Moines, Iowa, and Grand Rapids, Michigan. It is embodied in the proposed new charter of Lewiston, Idaho, and a charter amendment to the same effect has been adopted for submission to the people by the City Council of Spokane, Washington. It has made its way into Texas, and any city of over twenty-five thousand inhabitants in Iowa which desires to adopt the commission system of government will have to take the recall along with it. In fact, without some such safeguard against corruption, the commission system, from which some people expect so much, would seem to be a public danger.

## The Atlantic Waterway

*From Massachusetts to the Carolinas in smooth water*

THE great scheme of a Lakes to the Gulf waterway, which is exciting so much enthusiasm in the West, has its counterpart in the East, where delegates from the Atlantic seaboard States in convention at Philadelphia have formed a permanent organization to work for a coast ship channel from Boston to the ports of North Carolina, with an extension to Key West. Nature has already done most of the work on this great enterprise, and what remains for man to do is simple, easy, and comparatively cheap. Long Island Sound, the Delaware River, Chesapeake Bay, Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds, furnish sheltered thoroughfares in peace and war. All that is needed to make one continuous waterway from the cotton fields of the South to the mills of New England is to cut four low necks of land, or rather to cut one and enlarge existing cuts across the other three. The four obstructions are Cape Cod, New Jersey between the Raritan River and the Delaware, the little space between Delaware and Chesapeake Bays, and the stretch in Virginia and North Carolina now traversed by the Dismal Swamp Canal. The total length of cutting required to complete a continuous waterway eight or nine hundred miles long is only sixty-six miles, and the cost with the Florida extension is estimated at only \$35,000,000, or about a third the cost of the Pennsylvania terminal improvements in New York City.

In the opinion of Mr. Charles Heber Clark, one of the speakers at the Philadelphia Convention, "not five times since man first stood on the earth has an opportunity offered for creating so important an avenue for commerce." And commerce is not the only national interest that would be promoted by the Atlantic waterway. Its whole cost could be paid by the price of the battleships it would save. With a perfectly sheltered base over eight hundred miles long, from which they could emerge at points as far apart as Block Island and Beaufort, North Carolina, our warships would be absolutely immune from blockade, no matter what navy might try to seal them up. And no enemy would venture to blockade our ports, for he could not observe more than one of them at a time without exposing a divided force to the sallies of a united defending fleet.

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## Congressional Canal Inspectors

*Representatives return pleased with work on the Isthmus*

THE sub-committee of the House Appropriations Committee, or rather a group of gentlemen who have reason to expect to be members of that committee when it is appointed, has returned from a tour of inspection on the Isthmus enthusiastic over the progress of work on the Canal. Chairman Tawney reported social conditions along the ditch better than were to be found generally in the United States, workmen well cared for and well satisfied, paid thirty per cent more than at home, and able to live cheaper. Clerical, engineering, and medical employees, according to Mr. Tawney, earn fifty per cent more than in the United States, besides having free quarters and other advantages. The members of the committee look for the early completion of the Canal. Mr. Tawney's guess for the date of opening is December 31, 1914—Mr. Madden of Chicago is sure that the work will be done within five years, which would throw the celebration of the wedding of the two oceans within the term of the President to be elected next year.

This estimate does not seem oversanguine, provided the work of constructing dams and locks can keep up with the excavation. Although the rainfall in October had been exceeded only twice in the thirty-eight years for which the figures have been preserved, the amount of earth taken from the Canal in that month broke all records. If there is no further advance, but if the October standard is merely maintained, all the remaining excavation will be finished in considerably less than five years. Colonel Goethals wants to do thirty-two million dollars' worth of work next year, and Chairman Tawney believes that Congress will clip only about a million off his estimates. This is one direction in which hard times are not checking enterprise.

According to the "Canal Record" the famous water-works system of Colon, which furnished the grounds on which President Roosevelt and Mr. Poulton Bigelow mutually elected each other to membership in the Ananias Club, is now practically completed. The sewerage system is finished, too, with five miles of pipe, and extensive paving operations have been carried on. As the condition of Colon has always been the *pièce de résistance* of the

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critics, it may be that visits now would leave a more favorable impression of the Isthmian enterprise than formerly. An employee whose letter was recently printed in these columns predicted that the Congressional committee would be whisked across the Isthmus to the Tivoli Hotel without eating a meal at Colon. But it appears that on landing at Cristobal, the Zone port adjoining Colon, the Congressmen inspected the places of interest at that point and lunched at the Commission mess-hall. They made the Tivoli Hotel their headquarters during most of their stay on the Isthmus, but they had at least some meals at Culebra and one at the sanitarium at Taboga.

### Pittsburg's Promotion

*She moves up from the third to the second group of cities*

**T**HE hope, long deferred, of the advocates of Greater Pittsburg has been realized at last. The opponents of consolidation have been driven from one line of defense after another. They lost on the popular vote and then in court after court until now a final decision against them has been rendered by the Supreme Court of the United States. There is no chance for further appeal unless they can carry their case to the Hague Tribunal.

It is the custom in most States for consolidation to be effected with the consent of all the communities concerned. If a smaller city objects to annexation to a larger, the union is postponed until the objections disappear. But Pennsylvanians are used to being governed without their consent; their cities are used to having their elected officials thrown out of office and their streets disposed of by Acts of the State Legislature, and when the Legislature combined with a popular majority in Pittsburg to extinguish the identity of Allegheny the Allegheny people, according to Pennsylvanian standards, had no cause for complaint. There was a popular election. Allegheny had a fair chance to vote—a thing not always allowed in Pennsylvania. It gave a majority of two to one against consolidation, but Pittsburg gave six to one in its favor. The two cities, counted as a unit, cast 37,864 votes for union and 17,630 against it. With an affirmative majority of over twenty thousand, public sentiment was unmistakable.

Greater Pittsburg now moves up to a rank befitting its real importance as a centre of population and business. While there is probably no foundation for the claim that it has more inhabitants than Baltimore, it becomes a member of that group, heretofore containing only Baltimore, Boston, and St. Louis, of cities with between half a million and a million each. There is talk of further annexations which will make it still more populous. In bulk of commerce and in some basic manufacturing industries it is already the first city in the world, and there is promise that before very long it will hold a distinguished place in art and science.

### The Tame Russian Parliament

*Humble, but perhaps useful, work at the Tauride Palace*

**T**HE new Russian Duma has begun its work without any of the popular enthusiasm that inspired its predecessors, but perhaps its work may not suffer on that account. Representing only a minute fraction of the Russian people, the Duma is not, according to modern ideas, a popular body. It was deliberately created to be a humble servant of the Crown. Yet it is more popular than the first Parliament of England was, and there was many a later Parliament that was far more subservient to power than it promises to be. The Duma is controlled at present by a coalition of the Conservatives and the Octobrists. This is very different from the unchecked radicalism of the first and second Dumas, but it does not mean mere blind reaction. The Octobrists are reformers, although of a moderate type, and they would not combine with the Conservatives if the program of the coalition were one of simple hostility to reform. In fact, their address to the Emperor, drawn up by the Octobrists' Committee and approved by the Conservatives, commits the Duma to the principles of the October manifesto, which was hailed by all the advanced elements of Russia as a glorious step in advance. The address expresses hopes for progress and reform, and for further civil liberties. That is a far cry from the brutal medievalism of the Zemstvo Congress. The people do not expect much from a tamed and tied Parliament like the present one, but that very lack of popular confidence helps to disarm court hostility. It may be that these first timid beginnings will pave the way for real constitutional government.

### A Sage-brush Fiesta

*The death of the desert to be celebrated in Idaho*

**F**ESTIVALS to celebrate the creation of something are familiar, but a festival to celebrate a disappearance is something new. That is what Idaho proposes to have. The sage-brush is retreating from the Arid West before the advance of irrigation, and the Pocatello "Tribune" has suggested that its parting should be speeded by a "sage-brush fiesta," to mark the transformation of the desert into a region of farms and homes. The idea has struck root, and the fiesta is to be held at Pocatello next year.

Of course it is not Idaho alone that is interested in the shrinkage of the desert. Nevada sees in it her hope of becoming a settled commonwealth instead of a collection of ephemeral mining camps. Wyoming, Montana, Utah—all the infant giants of the undeveloped West—look to irrigation as the charter of their future greatness. They might have celebrated the work of the Reclamation Service in a literal and commonplace way, but the idea of attaching the celebration to the passing of the sage gives the occasion a touch of the poetic. Looking out over the desert, "silent, sombre, tremendous, lone, austere," the Pocatello "Tribune" sees how "its army—massed ranks of sage-brush, uncountable millions in seriated columns and files—awaits, leaderless, its annihilation." It asks: "Why not, then, a *fiesta de salvia* to mark the passing of the sage? Why not a fete, to honor the death of the desert?" The West answers: "Why not?" and the fiesta is to be held.

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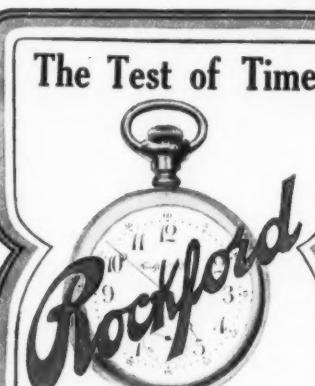
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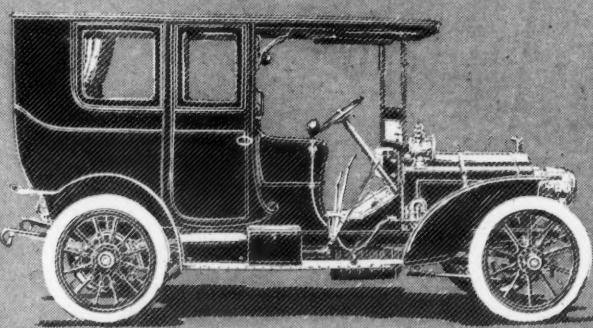
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